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Sweet Somethings for Valentine's Day!

Dear Jerry ~
I wake up every day
more grateful than the
day before that I have you
by my side ... to talk with ...
to be with ... to love.
Cheers! Edward

Sweat Pea,
Over a year has come and gone,
and our love still grows stronger.
I love you and our wonderfully
unique relationship.
May our connection continue
to deepen.
Happy Valentine's Day, beauty queen!
Love, Jenny

Steve,
Our lifeboat has come. Our Desert Island
awaits...a moonlight dance under a desert
palm on a warm summer night...
the journey begins.
Love, Mark

JCF:
Actions speak louder than words.
My actions tell you how I feel.
You are my special angel,
so please be my Valentine.
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~ JML ~
Nearly 6 years together
and loving you is just as
wonderful today as it was the
first day. I look forward to the
rest of our lives together.
SRE

Sheila,
Thank you for captivating and
expanding my various worlds the
past 6 years. And thanks for your
commitment to our always-better
tomorrows. All my love, Bane

DLG,
You are my reason for
waking each morning.
You bring me joy and happiness.
You fill the holes in my heart.
EEW

Mark,
I'm so glad we met! The past month
together has been very special.
You're the best! I know together
we will move mountains.
Happy 1st Valentine's.
All my love, Roger

Mother,
You still have the tightest rump
around. Here's to eleven years
of "friendly" bliss!
Happy Anniversary!
With love, Father

~ MJY ~
If I had to choose just
one day ... it would
be the day I met you!
Love, JEB

Boobers:
What can I say? I'm water and
you're fire which makes steam.
That says a lot about our
relationship. We both have
grown so much from each other.
I love you, Colleen

Michael L.,
To the man with the softest,
most soothing lips that have
ever graced my face ...
Happy Valentine's Day.
M.M.

Honey Pie
Happy Valentine's Day!
Will you marry me?
I love you now
and forever!
XO, Bright Eyes

To My "Mighty Mary",
One year ago we casted off our lines and set
sail on smooth seas of our life together. The sails
have been full of laughter and love. The ship is full
of great memories ... setting anchor in our cove, setting
sail out of Sausalito, the two four-legged crew members,
rituals every morning, working in the galley together,
tending our above deck gardens together. Thank you for
a wonderful voyage, and I'm looking forward to setting
course for our future!!! Happy Valentine's Day!!! Love, L.B.

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Dear Editor:

Thank you for providing this organization the courtesy of listing our meeting in the Community Bulletin/Calendar.

STSE's next meeting location will not be advertised publicly as we will be meeting in a member's home.

We realize and value your helpfulness.

Respectfully yours,
Jennefer Grant

Publication quits

Dear Editor:

It is with great regret that we are writing to tell you that *The Family Next Door,* the national publication for lesbian and gay parents, is going out of print. Although we produced a publication that reflected our pride and commitment to the issue of lesbian and gay parenting, and advertised the publication the best we knew how, we never generated the revenue it takes to sustain such a publication. Without the wonderful articles, poems, and stories by people from around this country and Canada, we would not have been able to put out the kind of publication we insisted on.

If someone can be found to buy the publication and carry it on, we are wiling to make any feasible arrangements to do so. Interested readers can receive a detailed listing of all back issues still available, along with an order form. To those who did not subscribe from the beginning, or lost or loaned out an issue you now wish you still had, please consider ordering. This will also help us retire our debts. Back issue catalogues can be requested by calling 510/482-5778, writing *The Family Next door,* Box 21580, Oakland, CA 94620, email:krust@outright.com.

We want to thank all who encouraged us along the way, especially parents who wrote thanking us for providing voice of affirmation of their decisions to be fiercely proud and loving lesbian and gay parents. Together, we made a great publication. And as we learned at the Family Day last June, we make some beautiful, wonderful children, too. Our best wishes to you all.

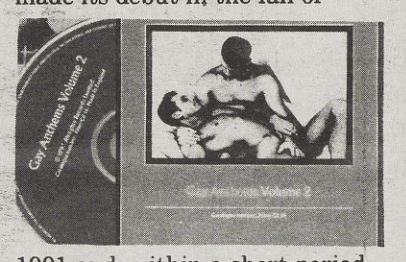
With warm regards,
Lisa Orta & Karen Rust

From the Postcard Queen

Shocking Gray catalog is back!

Shocking Gray™, the first national specialty gift catalog targeted to the gay and lesbian community, is back with a special Spring 1996 edition.

The original *Shocking Gray* made its debut in the fall of



1991 and, within a short period of time, acquired a strong following. When the San Antonio-based publisher filed bankruptcy and cancelled the catalog in August, 1995, its customers were heartbroken.

To become a part of the mailing list call 800/344-4729.▼

Integrity is forming

A chapter of Integrity is forming at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral. Integrity is a ministry for the encouragement and nurture of g/l/b persons in Christian life. Integrity is also a ministry of g/l/b and friends which seeks unity and peace in the Body of Christ, and justice and dignity for all people.

They meet the second Sunday of each month, 2pm, Trinity Cathedral, 2620 Capital Ave. The meetings include worship, business, an educational program, and monthly potlucks. Info: Barb Chandler 394-1715.▼

Youth commissioners sought

The Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission has two volunteer youth commissioner positions available for applicants who wish to serve as liaisons for other youths and the commission.

The commission is designed to oversee administration of Juvenile Court law in Sacramento County, coordinate community agencies and work in delinquency-prevention programs.

Responsibilities of youth commissioners include inspecting jails or lockup facilities used to confine minors for more than 24 hours, and serving as overall advocates for juvenile justice. Commissioners also must attend monthly meetings.

Applicants must be ages 14 to 22, have transportation and be able to serve a four-year term.

Deadline to apply is Feb. 29. Info: 386-7814

San Joaquin AIDS Foundation seeks executive director

The San Joaquin AIDS Foundation has announced an opening for the position of Executive Director. The basic job duties are to direct and coordinate the activities of the Foundation in support of policies, goals and objectives as established by the Board of Directors.

Candidates must have strong management and negotiation skills, established fundraising and fiscal supervisory experience in addition to influential communication and grant writing expertise. Applicants should also have a background with nonprofit agencies, accomplished fundraising abilities, a B.A. degree and an updated knowledge of computers. A suitable candidate would act as a community liaison, oversee case managers and education staff as well as maintain responsible financial foresight.

Send a cover letter, resume: V.P. AIDS Foundation, 3921 Five Mile Dr., Stockton, 95219. Deadline: 5pm, Friday, March 8, 1996.▼

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Clinton signs pro-censorship, anti-gay telecommunications act

New legislation panders to ignorance, violates public trust

Passed by Congress on February 1, a telecommunications bill (S652-H Rept 104-458) was signed into law by the President. Both Congress and the Clinton Administration lent support to the new legislation, while critics point to the law's gross violation of free expression and the public trust.

The San Francisco chapter of GLAAD — the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation — joins with numerous progressive organizations in condemning the legislation. "We are calling upon our members to support any and every effort to challenge, resist or defy these unacceptable regulations," said GLAAD managing director Kristy Billuni.

Touted as a telecommunications "deregulation" and "reform" bill, this legislation actually imposes substantial content regulations affecting both television and the internet. These new rules pose at least three major obstacles for lesbians and gays.

▼ By diminishing the scope of a broadcaster's public accountability — and allowing even further concentration of media ownership and control — this legislation is likely to discourage rather than encourage real diversity in programming.

▼ If history is any indicator, the new v-chip technology will be applied indiscriminately to "block out" programs that deal in any way with homosexuality, bisexuality or transgender issues. Moreover, such technology replaces media literacy (the ability to critically understand certain content) with media stupidity (the ability to automatically avoid certain content).

▼ Finally, the criminalization of "indecent" online communication will further chill an already icy information superhighway. Lesbian and gay youth will particularly suffer, in our fiercely homophobic society, the internet is often a literal lifeline of information and support for these youth.

"To appease the dysfunctional addictions of Christian Coalition lobbyists, these regulations pander to homophobia and sex-negativity," said GLAAD spokesperson Al Kielwasser. "This legislation is not about protecting young minds. It's about projecting old fears."▼

MGW endorses Ortiz for Assembly

MGW Newspaper's Publisher/ Editor Linda Birner announced that the newspaper has endorsed Deborah Ortiz for Assemblymember Phil Isenberg's seat in District 9. The primary election is on March 26. The district is represented primarily with the city of Sacramento.

Ortiz has been outstanding with gay/lesbian issues during her term as a City Councilmember.

Mayor Joe Serna also has announced his support for Ortiz. He is joined by City Councilmember Darrell Steinberg, who says, "I'm impressed with the way Deborah finds innovative solutions to help neighborhoods. She has focused on improving the living conditions of people residing in the city, especially those who are living in the tougher neighborhoods in Sacramento."The campaign has focused on raising $20,000 before Election Day by establishing the new "$96 Club." A suggested contribution is $96 for each month. However, any monthly contribution is appreciated.

If you can spare a few hours, you can play a tremendous role in Deborah's campaign. They need people to talk with neighbors who have been identified by the campaign as potential supporters. Others can help by distributing the "-walk piece" that provides background information. The campaign is also looking for people who might host a coffee or small gathering to meet Deborah and/or recruit others to do so. And, ultimately, get out the vote on Primary Day — March 26. Info: Manny Hernandnez, 448-5585.

The campaign needs office space, phones, printer, FAX, filing cabinets, chairs (folding chairs), tables, desks, coffee pot, mugs, etc. office supplies, bulletin boards, shelves, lamps, small sofa. Info: Pam Haynes, 447-8716.

Campaign staff: Campaign Director Richie Ross, Field Coordinator Manny Hernandez 448-5585, Fundraiser Linda Macias 736-0409, Treasurer Pam Haynes 447-8716, Phone Bank Maria Grijalva 448-5518, Newsletter Carol Blackman and Eric Wiesenthal.▼

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State Assembly - Dist. 9	Deborah Ortiz		
State Assembly - Dist. 10	Matt Moretti		
Board of Supervisor - Dist. 3	Muriel Johnson		
Board of Supervisors - Dist. 4	No Endorsement*		
Mayor	Joe Serna		
City Council - Dist. 2	Rob Kerth		
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Bldg Bd of Appeals	Open Filing	1 general public/1 architect
Carmichael Comm Plan Adv Council	Open Filing	2 residents
Children's Coalition	2/5/96-2/16/96	1 child & family health, 1 home care 1 public assistance, 1 nghbrhd org. 1 public/consumer, 1 youth 1 education, 1 religious comm
Cordova Comm Plan Adv Council	2/5/96-2/16/96	7 residents
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Elk Grove Comm Plan Adv Council	2/5/96-2/16/96	7 residents
Equine Events Mediation Comm	Open Filing	1 nghbrhd interest rep.
Fair Oaks Cemetery District	Open Filing	2 residents
Franklin/Laguna Area Comm Plan Adv Coun	Open Filing	1 resident
Maternal Child/Adolescent Health Adv Bd	Open Filing	1 consumer parent
Natomas Comm Plan Adv Council	2/5/96-2/16/96	4 residents
No. Hild/Fthill Farms Comm Plan Adv Coun	Open Filing	2 residents
Paratransit, Inc.	Open Filing	1 user rep.
Physically Handicapped Appeals Bd	2/5/96-2/16/96	1 construction seat
Public Health Adv Comm	Open Filing	2 comm/1 public health/1 health
Rio Linda/Elverta Comm Plan Adv Council	Open Filing	1 resident
Sac Comm of History & Science	2/5/96-2/16/96	2 members (nom by Sup. Dist. 3 & 4)
Sac Co. Mental Health Bd.	Open Filing	1 consumer
So. Sac. Area Comm Plan Adv Council	2/5/96-2/16/96	3 residents

Applications will be accepted from the date the filing period begins until the closing date at 5pm. One the second Wednesday following the closing of the filing period, the Board of Supervisors will consider the applications during the regular Board meeting. If a majority of the Board members present decide interviews are necessary, applicants under consideration will be interviewed. Info: 440-5411; Sac Co. Bulletin Board System (BBS) via personal computer 441-0122, 441-1135.

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San Francisco will perform domestic partners ceremonies

The San Francisco Board of Supervisors unanimously passed an ordinance which would allow the City to perform civil ceremonies solemnizing domestic partnership agreements. Under the new law, the county clerk or a deputized representative would perform a ceremony with marriage-like vows.

"San Francisco is once again illustrating that this is a humane, compassionate and equal opportunity city for all people who live here. This legislation will allow domestic partners — lesbians, gays and others — to formalize their relationships with a civil ceremony, which will further help to stabilize families, legitimize public support for alternative relationships and add a celebratory note to the occasion," Supervisor Carol Migden said.

San Francisco has had 3,064 Domestic Partnership filings since the law went into effect on Valentine's Day, 1991. The County Clerk's office estimates that domestic partnerships will double or triple to a 1,000 per year as a result of this law. There were 385 registrations in 1993, which increased to 486 in 1994 and 527 in 1995. The County Clerk will charge an additional $30 to perform the ceremony, in addition to the $35 Domestic Partnership registration fee. It is estimated that it will raise approximately $84,460 per year in new revenue.

The legislation comes on the heels of the Assembly Judiciary Committee approving a bill sponsored by Assemblymember Pete Knight (R-Palmdale), which would ban California from recognizing marriages performed in other states. Hawaii is expected to legalize same-sex marriages some time in 1997. "Knight is trying to strike a preemptive blow to same-sex marriages in California as a means of outflanking his Senate primary opponent on the right by appealing to the extremist element within the Republican Party," Migden said.

In 1994, Migden passed a ballot measure which made the surviving domestic partner of City employees eligible for the same retirement and health benefits as surviving spouses. "Lesbian and gay relationships are a normal part of life, whether they win popular support or not," Migden said. "This effort is simply the law catching up with reality."▼

Nebraska legislator urges recognition of *same sex* marriage

In a positive switch, State Senator Ernie Chambers has introduced a bill calling for the state of Nebraska to recognize same sex marriages.

Chambers' bill, which he expects will confront strong opposition, revises current law to read, "A marriage between a man and a woman, between a man and another man, or between a woman and another woman solemnized as provided (by law) is valid in this state."

— San Francisco Bay Times

Arson suspected in Guerneville

Arson is suspected in the second fire in four months at The Woods, a well-known gay resort on the Russian River.

Damage in last month's fire was estimated at $150,000.

Another fire, set in mid-September, caused $44,000 damage to the lodge, which is closed for the winter.

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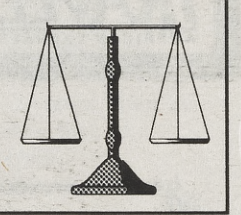

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Lambda Letters thanks major donor

Lambda Letters Project Administrator Boyce Hinman recently received a contribution of $500 from Terry Sidie, owner of Faces, whose gift matched one in the same amount from the Project's treasurer Ray Leber. Early each year Lambda Letters sends a major fundraising appeal to its members. Also for several years Sidie has agreed to match the largest single donation resulting from that appeal, up to a maximum of $500. Lambda Letters is a civil rights organization which helps people write to elected officials and to leaders in industry. Info: 965-6851.

First-ever gay/lesbian college weekend

The Institute of Gay and Lesbian Education (IGLE) is bringing its most popular instructors and courses to San Diego the weekend of Feb. 24-25 for its first-ever Gay and Lesbian Weekend College.

Members of the community from San Diego and all over the United States will take classes with IGLE's top instructors in the following four fields: film, history, literature, and psychology.

A keynote speech by queer scientist Dr. Simon LeVay kicks off the event on Saturday, which includes one "major" class per student that meets for 5 hours over the weekend and one "minor" class per student that meets for 2.5 hours over the weekend.

Also planned are a dance party Saturday night, a San Diego gay/lesbian history panel Sunday morning, and a film screening and discussion of a lesbian film at one of San Diego's premier theaters.

Registration is $90.

For those coming in from out of town, discounted rooms may still be available at the Hillcrest Inn (1-800-258-2280), starting under $40 a night. Out-of-towners can get the lowest airfares and be booked on the same flights as others attending from their area by calling the gay and lesbian travel specialists.

The Institute of Gay and Lesbian Education, which is based in West Hollywood, has been providing food for thought for Southern Californians since 1992. The event is co-sponsored by the Lesbian and Gay Men's Community Center (where all classes will be held), the Gay and Lesbian Times, The Hillcrest Inn, Hamburger Mary's/Kickers, Obelisk: The Bookstore, Landmark Theatres, and the Metropolitan Community Church of San Diego.

Students can quick-register by phone (credit card only) by calling 310-652-1786 (day) or 1-800-582-3929 (evenings/weekends). Weekend College e-mail address is AriBianco@aol.com.▼

Prominent scholar and gay rights activist to speak on the right to marry for same-sex couples

Is the right to marry the person of one's choice a fundamental human right? Are laws prohibiting persons of the same sex from marrying a violation of the U.S. Constitution?

Walter L. Williams, PhD, an internationally prominent anthropologist and gay rights activist, will address this issue when he speaks on "The Right to Marry for Same Sex Couples: an Historical Perspective" at Soka University of America's Human Rights Lecture Series on Tuesday, February 27 7-8:30pm at Soka University, Calabases, 26800 West Mulholland Highway.

Dr. Williams, a Professor of Anthropology at the University of Southern California (USC), compares the current struggle for persons of the same sex to marry with the civil rights movement of the 1960s when many states had laws prohibiting persons of different races from marrying. "Those laws," says Dr. Williams, "were very similar to the ones prohibiting marriage between persons of the same sex. Interracial laws were struck down by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1967."

Currently, Hawaii is embroiled in a comparable civil rights case, says Dr. Williams. Plaintiffs in the lawsuit have argued that Hawaii's state law barring same-sex marriages is a violation of the Hawaii constitution that clearly states there shall be no discrimination on the basis of sex.

As an anthropologist, Dr. Williams was asked by the Plaintiff's attorney to research the historical and current acceptance for same sex marriages in cultures around the world. Dr. Williams findings helped to undercut the assertion by Hawaii's state Attorney General that, historically, marriage has only been recognized between a man and a woman.

Since then, the Hawaii state Supreme Court has made a preliminary ruling that will likely lead to legal marriage for same-sex couples in the state of Hawaii within the coming year.

An internationally celebrated author and scholar, Dr. Williams was Founding Chair of the USC Task Force in Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Studies; founder and faculty liaison to USC Gender Studies Archives, and founder of the USC Center for Scholars in Residence. In 1993, he won the PROACT Award for Courage and Conviction in areas of Diversity. In 1987, the American Library Association presented him with an award for the Best Book of the Year on a Gay-Lesbian topic. Also in 1987, in Heidelberg, Germany, the Ninth World Congress for Sexology presented Dr. Williams *with an award for The Most* Outstanding Scholarly Book published in 1985 and 1986 on Sexological Research.

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MEDIA WATCH

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Wrestling with homophobia

Monday Night Raw, a weekly TV series produced by the World Wrestling Federation (WWF), has literally made a "sport" out of gay bashing. In addition to the usual staged wrestling matches, the WWF series now features "entertaining" acts of hate violence.

For several months, one of WWF's featured wrestlers "Goldust" has essentially played the role of a "gay menace," lusting after (ostensibly) heterosexual wrestlers and provoking melodramatic disgust. According to publicity materials, Goldust is a "flamboyant Hollywood legend" who "despite his wigs and glittery appearance" is "proving to be one of the toughest competitors in the World Wrestling Federation."

However, audiences for "Monday Night Raw" are patently cued to jeer Goldust, not simply as a villain but as a freak. Ringside announcers have referred to him as "a thing" and Goldust's opponents are described as "anxious for the opportunity to get rid of an obnoxious wrestler whose very presence bugs them."

Comments: WWF HQ and the USA Network: Linda E. McMahon, Pres., WWF/Titan Sports Inc., Titan Tower, 1241 E. Main St., Stamford CT 06902-3521, 203/352-8600; USA Network, Audience Svcs., 1230 Ave. of the Americas, NY NY 10020, 212/408-9100.

Friends and Lovers

The "lesbian wedding" episode of NBC's *Friends* (Jan.18) continues to draw praise, protest ...and potentially-positive "indifference." Several homophobic groups have launched letter writing campaigns and advertiser boycotts, and a few TV stations either delayed or dropped the episode. However, the vast majority of NBC affiliates — some 212 stations — opted to broadcast the episode, and its ceremonial celebration of queer love.

The minister officiating at the wedding was played by Candace Gingrich, lesbian sister of homophobe Newt Gingrich. Regarding his sister's performance, the House Speaker said: "It's great that she has a job." In an interview with the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* (Jan.19), he snidely added, "I have another sister, by the way, who belongs to the Christian Coalition, who has not been approached about doing a situation comedy, who has not been glorified by Hollywood, who has not had a chance to go and do interesting things like that. My sister Susan would probably be equally willing for you to call her."

Apparently, it has not occurred to the Honorable Newt that television has done NOTHING BUT "glorify" his sister Susan. June Cleaver and Carol Brady spent years in prime time; Candace Gingrich was given a few minutes.

However muted, a bigoted backlash continues to ripple around the wedding episode of *Friends*. Focus on the Family (FOF) is the latest Right Wing "Christian" group to join the campaign. FOF's weekly "Family Issues Alert" (Jan. 17) warns readers that "the popular NBC sitcom" is produced by "a declared homosexual," and that, through television's influence, people might "become used to" gays. FOF urges members to complain to their local NBC affiliates and "express (your) dissatisfaction to NBC General Manager Bill Bolster" (actually, Bolster is the general manager of WNBC-TV, an anchor station owned and operated by the network).

Friends has encouraged unique (and often singular) encounters, introducing queer "media models" to a legion of TV viewers. According to Nielsen Media Research, nearly 31.6 million guests "attended" the lesbian wedding on *Friends*. Perhaps something good will rub off, indeed.

Contact: Paul McGuire, Exec. VP of Prime-Time Programs, and Warren Littlefield, Pres., NBC Entertainment, 3000 W. Alameda Ave., Burbank, CA 91523, 818/840-4444, e-mail entertainment@nbc.com, marketing@msn.com or nbcshows@msn.com; William Bolster, Pres/GM, WNBC-TV, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, NY, NY 10112, 212/664-4444, fax 212/664-7234. Frank York, Editor, "Family Issues Alert," Focus on the Family, Colorado Springs, CO 80995, 800/A-FAMILY; The Honorable Newt Gingrich, Speaker, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515, 202/225-3121, e-mail georgia6@hr.house.gov, URL http://www.house.gov; Kevin Bright, Marta Kauffman and David Crane, Producers, *Friends*, Bright/Kauffman/Crane Productions, 300 S. Television Plaza, Burbank, CA 91505.

Bad times

The *Contra Costa Times* has rejected an advertisement for a gay/lesbian matchmaking service BECAUSE the ad used the words "gay" and "lesbian." The simple ad contained no pictures or graphics. The text stated, "Single? Quality Partners — Personal Introductions for Lesbians and Gay Men."

According to Maura Rothman, president of Quality Partners, Inc., the *Times* suggested that she should use the words "alternative lifestyles" to describe her clientele. "I just can't believe it," said Rothman. "These 'standards' just seem so unfair."

Contact: John Armstrong, Exec. Managing Editor, *Contra Costa Times*, 2640 Shadelands Dr. Walnut Creek, CA 94598, 510/935-2525, fax 510/933-0239; copy your correspondence to Maura Rothman, Quality Partners, Box 234, Orinda, CA 94563-0234, 510/253-4848.

Media milestone

With a focus on lesbian and gay South Asians, *Trikone Magazine* celebrates a decade of publishing. Articles in a special tenth anniversary issue (January, 1996) survey the magazine's history ("The First Editorial"), South Asian queers in cyberspace ("Desi Pride On The Internet"), and media images ("Cracks In The Tinsel Closet: Gender-Bending In Bombay Films" and "Same-Sex Sexuality in Malayalam Cinema and Literature").

Trikone Magazine, Box 21354, San Jose, CA 95151-1354, 408/270-8776, fax 408/274-2733, e-mail trikone@rahul.net, URL http://www.rahul.net/trikone/.

Courting censorship

The Supreme Court has declined to review government regulations intended to "protect" children from "indecent" broadcasts. Currently, Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules limit certain "adult" content to broadcasts between 10pm-6am.

The Court's decision was made despite widespread opposition to the FCC rules. "These regulations are trying to offer the services of the federal government as a national babysitter," said R.B. Quinn of the Freedom Forum First Amendment Center.

The nation's largest newspaper *USA Today* also editorialized against the decision. In a January 11 editorial ("When Government Acts as a Censor, Freedoms Crumble"), the newspaper noted that the Supreme Court has left "advocates of censorship a fresh opening to practice their mischief." "If the Federal Communications Commission is now pushed into becoming the national decency police, what next?" the paper asked. "The power to censor repeatedly creates its own excess."

USA Today also published an "opposing view" by Donald Wildmon, President of the American Family Association. What others deem a "loss of freedom," Wildmon said, is actually "insurance for civility." "Some people, including the Editorial Board of this paper, are upset that the Supreme Court set restrictions on what can be broadcast during certain hours of the day ... They say it is the parents' responsibility to protect their children. I say it's a shared responsibility. They say the decision hurts society. I say it helps."

Contact: *USA Today,* 1000 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22229, 703/276-3400, Fax 703/247-3108, e-mail editor@usatoday.com; Donald Wildmon, Pres., American Family Assoc., Drawer 2440, Tupelo, MS 38803, 601/844-5036, fax 601/844-9176, e-mail amfamily@ebicom.net.

Media cites

The Mirror is a quarterly media bulletin published by GenderDoc, the Russian information center and library. The third issue was recently published, and it provides a selective index of news, film, and book coverage of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender subjects. An English-language translation of *The Mirror* is available.

Info.: e-mail pii@glas.apc.org, or write: 125047 Russian Federation, Moscow, Box 9, Library.

Web watch

"Because it's a desert out there..." That's one of the motivating slogans energizing *Oasis,* a monthly online magazine for queer and questioning youth and "the only regularly-updated 'zine for queer youth on the net." Just into its third issue, *Oasis* is already a singular source for news and analysis: previous issues have featured columns on queer music and the queer core movement, profiles of queer teen life and lives, and interviews with Harvey Fierstein and Pansy Division.

Oasis webzine is located at, http://www.outproud.org/oasis/.

E-media

A new Internet discussion list — "GayPoz" — facilitates the exchange of information and support for gay men who are HIV-positive.

Info: Steve Bowen, e-mail sjbowen@cei.net or Robert Tosh, e-mail rht@world.std.com.

No sale

Rush Limbaugh — the arch-bigot of broadcasting — provides the theme for a Texas mall shop, "Ditto Headquarters." The store features "a variety of Limbaugh memorabilia."

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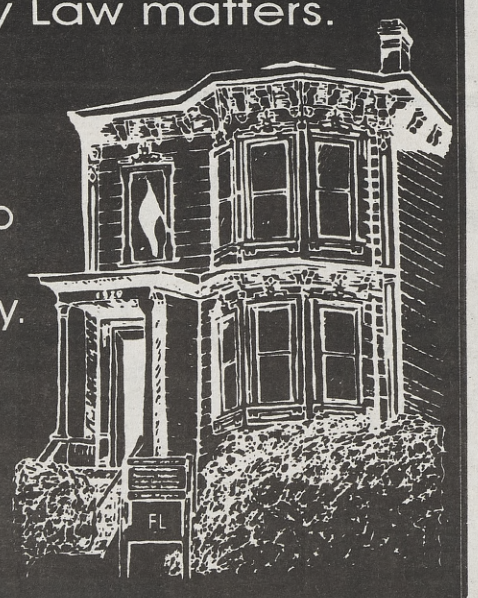

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In the Life wins media award

In the Life, the nationally broadcast newsmagazine series on gay and lesbian issues and culture, is to receive an award for "Outstanding Achievement in Television Production" from the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation on March 13, 1996 at the National Press Club in Washington D.C.

In the Life is the only newsmagazine series presenting gay and lesbian issues and culture to a national public television audience. It broadcasts on over 70 PBS stations nationwide, reaching over one and one-half million viewers per episode.

"Remember Them With Your Vote " campaign

AIDS Action Council and The NAMES Project Foundation have kicked off their 1996 national voter registration campaign, "Remember Them With Your Vote," at the first display this year of the AIDS Memorial Quilt. The campaign will combine AIDS Action's voter registration and education efforts with the NAMES Project's displays of the AIDS Memorial Quilt in 25 congressional districts across the country. The campaign will culminate in the display of the entire 45,000 panel Quilt on October 11-13, 1996, on the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

Lambda court action challenged

In the first federal appellate case challenging anti-gay violence in public schools, Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund filed its brief in late December in a case by a gay student whose school failed to stop anti-gay assaults on him and ignored his pleas because of his sexual orientation.

Jamie Nabozny suffered multiple physical assaults during his years in an Ashland, Wis., school district. In addition to repeated beatings, he suffered relentless verbal abuse and sexual harassment. School officials scoffed at Nabozny and his parents' repeated complaints and requests for discipline to his abusers, saying that he had to expect such abuse because he is gay.

— Seattle Gay News

Cinci's anti-gay law blamed for $35M loss

The Greater Cincinnati Convention & Visitors Bureau reported that a controversial sexual orientation law may have cost the city an estimated $35 million last year.

Ten organizations canceled their conventions in the "Queen City", citing the reason as Cincinnati's 1993 Issue 3 Charter ammendment that repeals or bans laws barring discrimination based on "homosexual, lesbian or bisexual orientation, status, conduct or relationship."

A federal judge ruled Issue 3 unconstitutional, but last May the U.S. 6th Court of Appeals in Cincinnati upheld the amendment. Opponents have asked the U.S. Supreme Court to make a final determination about its constitutionality.

— Bay Area Reporter

Lesbians sentenced in MCI scam

A former senior manager at MCI Telecommunications Corp. and her lover were sentenced to prison terms recently for defrauding the telecommunications giant for nearly $400,000.

U.S. District Judge Milton L. Schwartz, Sacramento, Calif., sentenced former MCI employee Webetta Kae Beasley to two years and three months in prison for her part in hiring and dispensing funds to a bogus company set up by her lover Paula Sue Ware.

Ware's business was paid in 1994 and 1995 for supplying contractual employees that did not exist. She was sentenced to 18 months in prison for her part in the scam.

— Sacramento Bee

Brit mag states: "Let them wed"

The Economist, the British magazine whose American edition is required reading among the business and political elite, recently weighed in with its support of same-sex marriages.

"Let them wed," read the cover story of a recent edition, proclaiming that "there is no compelling reason to exclude homosexual couples from marriage, and several reasons to include them."

The article concluded that "if marriage is to fulfill its aspirations, it must be defined by the commitment of one to another for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health - not by the people it excludes."

Pink Triangles Down Under

Pink Triangle Adventures, a Berkeley, Calif. based company has organized the first ever gay & lesbian country western and square dancing tour to Australia. The tour, which runs from Friday, February 23 to Tuesday, March 5, was scheduled to coincide with Sydney, Australia's 1996 Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras.

Armchair travelers from around the world can join the tour participants on their daily adventures on the World Wide Web (http://www.spiral.com/pink/) as they explore the culture and sights of Australia during the largest gay & lesbian gathering on the planet.

S.F. to host Conference

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force has announced that its fifth annual "Out and Equal in the 90's" conference will be held this spring in San Francisco, April 20-21.

The emphasis of this year's conference will be on workplace issues of concern to lesbians and gay men. Hundreds of labor organizers, human resource executives and representatives from gay employee groups are expected to attend.

People interested in exhibiting or presenting as a workshop leader may call for a request for proposal. The deadline for early registration is March 1. For further info contact NGLTF hotline at (202) 332-6483, extension 3444.

— Bay Area Reporter

Vatican sex education guide issued

The Vatican recently released a sex education guide which denounces homosexuality, prohibits masturbation, and calls safe-sex, "a dangerous and immoral policy."

The 60-page handbook, entitled *Human Sexuality: Truth and Significance* urges parents to "refute the promotion of so-called 'safe sex', a dangerous and immoral policy" and calls masturbation "a grave disorder" which lacks moral justification.

— The Washington Blade

Out gay man wins skating title

Rudy Galindo became the oldest men's champion in over 70 years at the national figure skating championships this year. But that was only part of the story. He also became the first openly gay figure skating champion in history.

Galindo's victory, considered an upset, was broadcast across the nation. He is expected to place in the top five in the world championships March 21-24.

— Seattle Gay News

"What About AIDS?" exhibit coming to S.F.

The Exploratorium will present the "What About AIDS?" exhibit in the Bay Area beginning March 5th. The exhibit, which is co-sponsored by the Center for Disease Control and the American Medical Association, will mix science and remembrance.

— San Francisco Bay Times

Attack hospitalizes lesbian victim

Police are seeking the male driver of a red Volkswagen Cabriolet and his female passenger in connection with a brutal assault on a lesbian, stemming from a traffic alterca*tion at Castro and Market* streets on Sunday, January 21.

The woman, who was drug by her hair from the Cabriolet at speeds estimated at 30 miles an hour, suffered contusions and a possible fracture of her right femur in the incident.

Witnesses reported that the assault was horrific in intensity, and apparently began after the lesbian's jeep was involved in a side swipe collision with the Cabriolet.

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Pap tests: The "silent" virus and cervical cancer

"Cervical cancer is the sixth leading cause of cancer death in American women, but it doesn't have to be," says UCSF assistant professor of obstetrics and gynecology Karen Smith-McCune, M.D., PhD.

"The major risk factor for developing cervical cancer is the human papillomavirus (HPV), which causes the majority of abnormal results in Pap tests," she says. "If all women were to have Pap smears on a regular basis, we would be able to identify more at-risk women and ultimately prevent most cases of cervical cancer."

"Ten percent of all Pap smears show an abnormality," says Smith-McCune. The Pap smear — recommended once a year for sexually active women who have a history of HPV — is a microscopic examination of cells taken from the uterine cervix in order to detect cervical cancer.

"Most abnormal Pap results are caused by HPV — one of the most common sexually transmitted agents. It is a 'silent' virus, because HPV can be dormant and may not have visible symptoms," Smith-McCune says. HPV may cause external genital warts and may be present on the cervix.

Smith-McCune wants woman to become more comfortable about having Pap tests. Along with Joel Palefsky, M.D., UCSF associate professor of laboratory medicine, she will tell an audience of women and men about Pap tests and HPV during "Women's Health 2000" — an annual conference to take place at UCSF on Saturday, March 9, from 8am-3:30pm.

As many as 40 million Americans are infected with HPV, with one million new cases of genital warts diagnosed each year. In women, the warts appear on the vulva, labia, inside the vagina, on the cervix, or around the anus. In men, genital warts usually appear on the tip or shaft of the penis, on the scrotum or around the anus.

Smith-McCune evaluates and treats women with abnormal Pap results at the UCSF Dysplasia Clinic, which she directs. In addition to causing warts, HPV can cause dysplasia — pre-malignant changes on the cervix — that can be only detected by Pap tests.

"Women with genital warts should be examined for possible HPV infection of the cervix," Smith-McCune says. "The vast majority of abnormalities detected on Pap tests are not cancer but could progress to cancer if left untreated."

"Patients often experience guilt, embarrassment, or anger with an HPV diagnosis," Palefsky says. "They sometimes blame their partners for bringing the STD into the relationship. We have no way of detecting who had the virus first or how it was acquired."

HPV can be treated by applying trichloroacetic acid or podophyllin to the infected area, electrocautery (burning) or cryosurgery (freezing). Sometimes conventional, laser, or "loop" surgery — a new technique that uses an electrical wire to remove lesions — are needed to treat larger affected areas." Although treatments may eliminate the warts, they do not necessarily eradicate the virus," Palefsky says.

Info: 408/987-9089.▼

"HPV and STDs"

- More than 13 million Americans are affected each year by one or more of 20 sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), including the human papillomavirus (HPV).
- STDs take an economic toll on the economy, costing the United States more than $5 billion a year, according to some estimates.
- HPV is the most common, incurable STD. It affects up to 40 million people, with a million or more new cases each year.
- The UCSF Dysplasia Clinic, established more than 20 years ago, was the first clinic in the Bay Area to specialize in HPV treatment.
- STDs affect people of all backgrounds and economic levels.
- The incidence of STDs is rising.
- Many STDs, including HPV, initially cause no symptoms, particularly among women. Even during these times, the disease may be passed to a sex partner.
- Health problems caused by STDs tend to be more severe for women than for men. Some STDs, such as HPV, have a strong link to cancer.
- When diagnosed early, almost all STDs can be treated effectively, although HPV and others are not curable.
- Stress, smoking, obesity and poor nutrition could excite symptoms in those who have STDs.
- In monogamous relationships, both partners should be evaluated and treated for signs of STDs.▼

Lesbian health issues planned at UCSF

The 3rd Annual Women's Health 2000 symposium is scheduled for Saturday, March 9, UCSF, 513 Parnassus and will offer a wide spectrum of women's health issues.

Topics: "Menopause: Prime Time," "Depressed: Or Am I Just Tired?" "Gynecologic Cancer Update: Risk Factors, Prevention and Screening," "PMS Treatment: Results from a Clinical Trial," "Lesbian Health Issues," "Putting Breast Cancer into Perspective: Risk Factors, Screening and Evaluation," "Breast Cancer: Treatment Options, Reconstruction and Hormone Replacement," "HIV: A Growing Epidemic Among Women," "Women of Color: Our Health and Healthcare Needs."

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Protecting our partnerships

Screening of documentary video, "Love Knows No Borders" and discussion

Sacramento Lawyers for the Equality of Gays and Lesbians (Sac LEGAL) and Lambda (McGeorge Law School's Gay and Lesbian Student Group) will sponsor a screening of the documentary *Love Knows No Borders* and a panel discussion on protecting our partnerships.

The event will be Thursday, March 7, McGeorge Law School, Classroom D, 33rd Street and 5th Avenue. There will be a reception from 6-7pm followed by the video screening and panel discussion.

Love Knows No Borders, produced by Elizabeth Bird, is a video documentary about gay and lesbian couples and the ways in which their lives and relationships are destroyed because they are denied full legal recognition of their partnerships.

The panel discussion on protecting our partnerships will include a discussion of the battle that is being fought at the state level to prevent the recognition in California of same-sex marriages legally performed in other states and a discussion of Sacramento's domestic partnership ordinance. Laurie McBride, a member of the National Freedom to Marry Coalition and Executive Director of the LIFE: California's Lesbian/Gay and AIDS Lobby will discuss AB 1982 (Knight) and what Californians can do in order to stop this hateful bill. Eileen Gillis, a local attorney and a Sac LEGAL board member, will discuss Sacramento's Domestic Partnership ordinance and the current protections that are available to gay and lesbian couples. After the panel discussion there will be an opportunity for questions and answers and for participants to sign letters or cards in opposition to AB 1982 (Knight).▼

Writers to converge on Boston for conference

The Bromfield Street Educational Foundation will bring 2,000 writers to Boston's Park Plaza Hotel February 23-25 for OutWrite: The National Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered Writers' Conference. Keynote speakers will be Minnie Bruce Pratt, author of *S/HE* (Firebrand Books 1995), *Crime Against Nature* (1990 American Library Association Gay and Lesbian Book Award and the 1989 Lamont Poetry Selection of the Academy of American Poets), *Rebellion: Essays 1980-1991,* (Firebrand Books 1991) and *We Say We Love Each Other;* (Firebrand Books, 1985) and Edmund White, author of *Our Paris* (with Hubert Sorin, Knopf 1995), *Genet: A Biography* (1994 National Book Critics Circle Award and Lambda Literary Award), *A Boy's Own Story, and many others*.

OutWrite gathers nationally and internationally renowned writers, publishers, agents, journalists, and readers from a variety of literary disciplines. Sarah Schulman, Mark Doty, Jacqueline Woodson, Nancy Garden, and Norman Wong are just a handful of those who will be attending OutWrite's nearly 100 panel discussions, workshops, and roundtables. Topics include: "Writing through and about Death and Loss;" "Queering the Movies: Is Film an Essentially Gay Medium?;" "Is There a Gay Gothic Imagination?;" "Physicalizing Words: Writing from the Body;" "Writing Honestly and Authentically about Sex;" "Writing about Sexuality in Crossover Novels."

Humorist Kate Clinton will emcee a roundtable discussion on politics and the creative process. Discussants will include Edmund White, Minnie Bruce Pratt, Jewelle Gomez, Randall Kenan, Holly Hughes, Paul Bonin-Rodriguez, and Carol DeSanti.

Also, the country's best poets will compete in preliminary rounds of the first National Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered Poetry Slam.

Cheryl Clarke will deliver the annual Audre Lorde Memorial Lecture. Clarke is an African-American lesbian-feminist poet who is the author of *Narratives: Poems in the Tradition of Black Women* (Kitchen Table Press 1984), *Living as a Lesbian* (Firebrand Books 1986) and *Humid Pitch* (Firebrand Books 1989). Her latest book, *experimental love* (Firebrand Books 1993), was nominated for a Lambda Award for poetry.

Two additions to the OutWrite program will be video shorts by lesbian and gay filmmakers. In addition, the conference will host its first annual Cyberspace series. Sponsored by Active Window Productions, the series consists of cutting-edge live demonstrations and thought-provoking panels. Topics include: "Censorship: Roadblocks on the Infobahn," "Copyright issues on the World Wide Web," and "The Future of Publishing."

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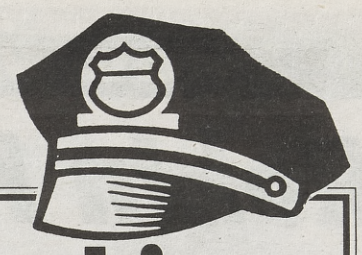
John McCormick, president of Rising Stars Productions has announced the premiere search for the World's Best Looking Man. Stud Search International's 1996 Man of the Year Contest will be held on Easter Weekend, Friday April 5 in Palm Springs. The contest will take place at C.C. Contruction, 68449 Perez Rd., the largest nightclub in Palm Springs. The event will raise funds for L.A. Shanti and the Desert Hospital AIDS Hospice.

The idea is the brainchild of McCormick, he says, "After years of producing pageants and competitions for women, I thought it was time to establish a high quality, professional show to turn the spotlight on men. We hope that our new show ill be a fun experience for all involved and also raise funds. Contestants will be judged on physical fitness, looks and a brief interview. There are three areas of competition, Jeans & T-Shirt, Silk Boxer Shorts and After-Five Attire. The winner of Stud Search International's Man of the Year will be heading for New York City to compete at the 37th Annual World Modeling Association Convention. Info: 800/565-STUD.▼



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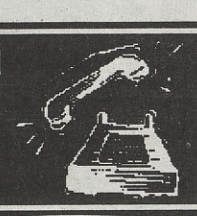
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Robin Hood out of drag

by Jerry Semas
MGW/Staff

Though Spring hasn't hit yet, many people in the television industry are already talking about the Fall season. Some of the proposed shows are blatant rip-offs of *E.R.* and *Chicago Hope* or paranormal clones of *The X-Files*. A few of special interest are a new series for comedian **Margaret Cho**, an updated *The Odd Couple* with two women and a **Steven Bochco** comedy called *Public Morals*. Drop the first L and it sounds better already.▼▼▼

Producer/director **Linda Yellen** is considering a film version of John Rechy's novel *City of the Night* about male hustlers as well as a remake of *The Picture of Dorian Gray* which she'd like **Brad Pitt** to star in. Having seen **Burt Reynolds** in a recent TV interview, someone must have found the portrait in his attic and destroyed it.▼▼▼

Screenwriter **Leslie Dixon** *(Mrs. Doubtfire)* has completed *That Old Feeling* which will star **Bette Midler** for director **Carl Reiner**. The film follows a long-since divorced couple who meet again at the wedding of their daughter and rekindle their relationship. Dixon also wrote one of Bette's biggest hits, *Outrageous Fortune*.▼▼▼

Coming from *Apartment Zero* director **Martin Donovan** and Fine Line Films is a movie called *Dress To Thrill*. The project is about a drag queen in the witness-protection program who's being guarded by a cynical police officer.▼▼▼

Ron Nyswaner's (screenwriter for *Philadelphia*) new play *Oblivion Postponed* is about a gay couple in Rome who spend their final night in the city with an elderly straight couple and their Gay servant. The play featured **John Glover** and **Mary Beth Hurt**.▼▼▼

RuPaul joins **Paul Mercurio** *(Strictly Ballroom)* and **John Epperson** *(Lypsinka)* in the film *Red Ribbon Blues* in which the trio go on a Robin Hood campaign of robbing pharmacies to distribute drugs to people with AIDS who can't afford them. The three will play the roles straight, that is, out of dresses and leather.▼▼▼

Former *Bosom Buddies* drag star **Peter Scolari** joins **Stephanie Zimbalist** in the A&E TV version of the musical *'Stop The World, I Want To Get Off'* which airs March 9 & 10.▼▼▼

Check your video stores for the Feb. 27th release of *Coming Out Under Fire* the true story of nine gay and lesbian veterans who joined the military in the 1940s to fight for freedom only to have their freedom taken away.▼▼▼

Tootsie producer **Charles Evans** is working on a film-noir style thriller called *Bloodline*. Originally written by **Malcolm Clark,** the script was recently rewritten by the overpaid and overrated **Joe Eszterhaus** *(Basic Instinct)*.▼▼▼

Aidan Quinn *(Legends of the Fall)* will star in the film *Commandments*. A black comedy about a man who intentionally breaks each of the ten commandments to get revenge on God, with whom he blames for the death of his wife. Aidan also stars in **Neil Jordan's** *(The Crying Game)* next film titled *Michael Collins*. The film features **Liam Neeson** in the lead as the famed Irish patriot with other cast members including **Julia Roberts, Stephen Rea** and **Alan Rickman**.▼▼▼

The newly released film *Angels & Insects* about love and life in the Victorian era has been released without a rating due to a scene of a nude male leaping out of bed with an erection. Perhaps Jane Austin meant to write *'Sense and Sensual-bilities'*.▼▼▼

The film version of **Vito Russo's** book *The Celluloid Closet*, which had a one time airing on HBO Feb 6th, may be a disappointment to viewers who catch it's March 15 to 21 run at the Castro Theatre in S.F. While certainly not a powerful or emotional work, the film spends too much time on the opinions of writer **Susie Bright** and excessive clips from certain films while other pictures of equal and greater importance are barely mentioned. *The Celluloid Closet* is certainly worth seeing but a disappointment from the Oscar winning makers of *The Times of Harvey Milk*.▼▼▼

Those traveling to the U.K. next month can catch the annual London Lesbian & Gay Film Festival. Discover for yourself why the British police are really called Bobbies. If you're planning on being in San Francisco at the end of the month take note of the *Chinese New Year Parade* on March 2. It will be the year of the Rat so bring your Newt Gingrich masks.▼▼▼

Don't forget that Feb. 19th is President's Day. Take the CEO of your company to lunch, and make **him** pay. Some offices will be closed and use your ATMs wisely.▼▼▼

Tony Kushner's play *Slavs! Thinking About The Long Standing Problems of Virtue and Happiness* (Now three times real fast) opens March 1st at the Berkeley Repertory Theatre, 510/845-4700.▼▼▼

You may still have a chance to get tickets to **k.d. lang's** Sacramento concert in April.▼

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"As I became more mature, I realized that beneath one's persona is something... my generation repressed. What it's really about is becoming more aware of the two genders within ourselves."

— Terrence Stamp,
star of 'Priscilla, Queen of the Desert'

Broadcaster dropped from CBS Sports

On January 9, after several months of suggesting that a female writer fabricated quotes attributed to a CBS sportscaster about lesbians hurting women's golf, CBS announced that the golf announcer, Ben Wright, has been dropped from its golf coverage. It was stated that there were no plans for Wright to return to CBS Sports golf broadcasts.

In a May 1995 story written by Wilmington, Delaware *News Journal* feature writer Valerie Helmbreck, Wright was quoted as saying "lesbians in the sport hurt women's golf" and that women golfers were at a disadvantage because their "boobs" interfere with a proper golf swing.

In a statement released by his agent, Wright said "...to the LGPA Tour, most members of that Tour know how much I respect them.

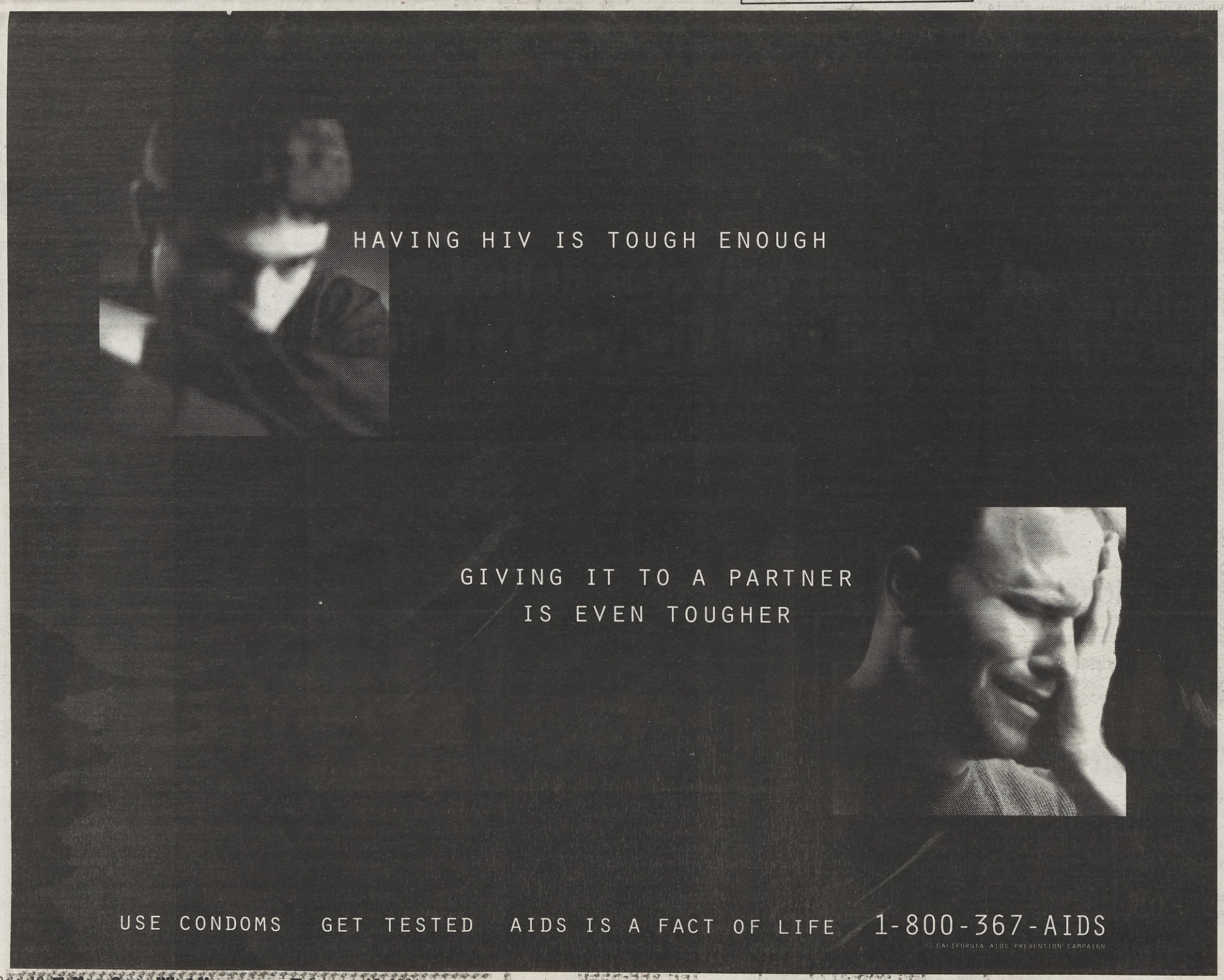
"I have supported them to the best of my ability throughout my 42 year-long career..."

"I am extremely regretful if they, and their organization have been in any way injured by remarks attributed to me.

"...most importantly, I extend to Ms. Valerie Helmbreck my sincere regret for any hurt she may have experienced.

"I shall be more thoughtful and, I hope, more sensitive in the future."

— *Editor & Publisher*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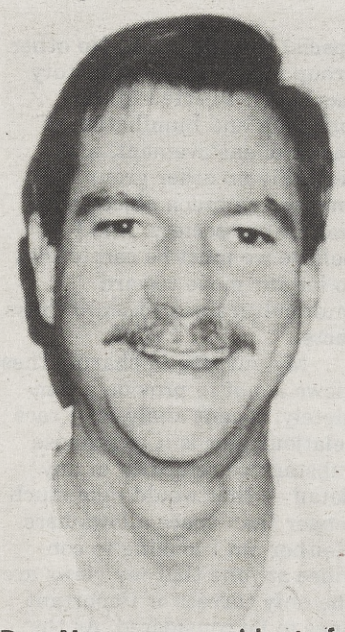
Orchid Society announces new president

The San Francisco Orchid Society has announced the election of president, Dan Newman. Newman will oversee the 44th Annual Pacific Orchid Exposition, one of the top 25 exhibitions in northern California. During his tenure, Newman plans to focus on helping the Conservatory in Golden Gate Park by dedicating the net proceeds from Preview Night (Feb. 23) to rebuilding one of the most beautiful, historic buildings in San Francisco.



Dan Newman, president of the San Francisco Orchid Society.

According to Newman, "Thanks to the dedicated efforts of San Francisco Conservatory Director George Marcopulos, the conservatory has become a major repository of plant species threatened with extinction in the wild. Its collection of cool-growing orchids is one of the finest in the world. The conservatory shares seedlings and divisions of these rare plants with other botanical gardens and interested members of the public, ensuring their continued survival in cultivation as their habitats face destruction."

Masdevallia Copper Angel "Orange Sunset" at the 1996 San Francisco Orchid Society's Pacific Orchid Exposition on February 23-25. Info: 415/546-9608.

Jerry Parsons, Past President of the San Francisco Orchid Society.

Newman intends to raise awareness of the orchid habitats that are threatened by the destruction of the global rain forests. Without these areas, the world will lose one of its most beautiful and valuable resources. The importance of these areas to orchids is so critical that the theme for this year's Pacific Orchid Exposition is "Orchids in the Rain." The interior of the Fort Mason's Festival Pavillion will be turned into a spectacular simulated rain forest and will provide numerous educational displays from Feb. 23-25.

Born in Los Angeles, his fascination and love for orchids began at age 9 when he read an article in *Sunset* magazine. His first attempts at orchid cultivation did not fare very well, but in 1982 he had a Dendrobium that grew to be over four feet high with hundreds of flowers. That's when it all started. Today, he has over 350 plants growing in his one bedroom apartment in San Francisco.

For the past 15 years, Newman has worked for Bechtel as an Administrative Assistant. He primarily works on civil and engineering projects. He has been a member of the San Francisco Orchid Society for nine years and in 1995 won the prestigious Lester McDonald Trophy for his *Comparattia macroplectron.*▼

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February is Black History Month...

Reflections: race relations in lesbian and gay America

by Gregory Adams
Guest writer

The first half of this decade produced vivid, gripping images on the state of race relations in America that are indelibly impressed upon our national conscious. Home videotape showing Rodney King being beaten unmercifully by white cops in Los Angeles — a few seconds played time and again around the world — is seared into our collective memory. A white jury found those four white cops not guilty, and the terrifying news footage of the mayhem, violence and destruction that followed kept many of us glued to our television for days in horror and disbelief.

During the so-called "trial of the century," Simpson attorney F. Lee Bailey captivated the nation as he cross-examined then-detective Mark Furhman about his alleged use of the world "nigger," providing some of the most dramatic and memorable footage of the trial. And the images of hundreds of thousands of black men gathered at the U.S. Capitol for the historic Million Man March in peace and solidarity were moving and empowering for some; uncomfortable and threatening for others. But no matter how we reacted to those images, none of us will soon forget them.

These images and events — and undoubtedly countless others that perhaps were not deemed as newsworthy — have unleashed a torrent of emotions, opinions and new dialogue about the state of race relations in America. And, at least in my opinion, it is a national conversation that was long overdue. It saddens me though that while the nation struggles through this often difficult and emotional discourse, the lesbian and gay community has been deafeningly silent on race issues in any meaningful sense.

A logical person might assume that because the lesbian and gay community is itself the object of prejudice and bigotry, race-based biases would be rare within it. It stands to reason that a people who have themselves been oppressed based solely upon irrational attitudes, fears and stereotypes would not want to perpetrate substantially similar behaviors on others. Many black lesbians and gay men will attest, however, that this community definitely has its own demons when it comes to racial discord and race-based stereotyping and discrimination. In fact, racism still is pervasive within the lesbian, gay and bisexual communities, and arguably is not much different from that which divides American society generally.

Shortly after arriving in Washington a couple of years ago, I visited a local gay establishment to meet an acquaintance. While waiting for him, I sat in the only spot available, which happened to be beside two young white men who were engaged in conversation. Soon afterwards, one of them started using the "n" word to refer to black people. When he didn't get a rise out of me, he began peppering nearly every sentence with that word, getting louder as the minutes passed. After several minutes I complained to the employee in charge, who also happened to be white. I was told, very matter-of-factly, that I was "too sensitive" and if it bothered me I should move. So although I had done nothing wrong and was clearly being baited by someone who left no doubt that he didn't like black people, I was forced to either move or suffer further indignities.

By no stretch am I saying that all white people, gay or not, are racists. In fact, if a racist is defined as someone who hates and wishes harm on blacks, there are likely few true racists. And of those who are, many are the pathetic, pathological, fanatical sorts like the neo-Nazis or Klansmen — people hardly worth discussing. The real challenge, however, is that many people still don't seem to understand that it is not necessary to be racist or harbor malicious intent in order to say things, make decisions or engage in activities that unfairly harm, demean or impair the livelihoods of members of another race. The gay employee described above may not have been racist, but his reaction to the situation was just as demeaning to me as the behavior of the customer who clearly was.

And there are other examples. Though perhaps not motivated by malicious intent, a cursory glance at the employment patterns of lesbian and gay-owned businesses and institutions bears witness that African Americans typically have not been given equal opportunities for employment and advancement in our community. Even in a city like Washington, D.C., where African Americans are in the majority, it is rare to find a black bartender in white gay-owned establishments. And even where there are black bartenders, seldom is there a black manager. Among our national organizations that do not cater specifically to communities of color, how many black executive directors are there? And among lesbian and gay journalists, how many blacks are editors? How many of us are even senior or investigative reporters with any real voice or authority?

Racial stereotyping also remains a problem in our community. Take for example a white gay bartender who recently told me that "black men don't tip" — that I was the exception rather than the rule. Think about it. What that statement says, in essence, is that while white male customers are assumed to be good tippers unless proven otherwise, it is assumed that black male customers are not until we show ourselves to be "exceptions." Whether or not anyone will fess up to it, that presumption ultimately affects the nature and quality of service that we black men receive. And though I am very certain this particular man is not a racist or malicious person, he is unwittingly engaging in the kind of racial stereotyping that really isn't much different from that of cab drivers who refuse to pick up young black men because we are all assumed to be hoodlums.

These problems, as troublesome and crippling as they might be to our individual success and self-esteem, are only manifestations of a greater ill. What seems to be at the core of today's racism is that many white people are in denial and want to believe that racial discrimination is no longer a serious problem. As noted author Ellis Cose observes in *The Rage of a Privileged Class*, "...whites who have never been forced to confront the racial stereotypes routinely encountered by blacks ... judging themselves to be decent people ... find it impossible to believe that serious discrimination still exists." He adds, however, that "whatever comfort [that] may bring some whites, it has absolutely no relevance to the experiences of blacks in America."

An argument I hear frequently, particularly in the gay community, is that these problems aren't as serious as we would have them appear — that, in fact, most blacks are satisfied that things are better and it is only a handful of us activists who are making all the noise. But that silence should not be misconstrued as complacency. Throughout history, those of us who have been vocal about our pain and anguish have often been dismissed summarily as troublemakers, malcontents — even racial separatists — intent on poisoning the minds of black people who are more agreeable. Reserved silence, therefore, has become a very important, pragmatic tool for surviving in a nation still largely controlled by white men. That is a life lesson most black people learn even as young children.

We already know that blacks and whites in America can look at exactly the same set of facts or circumstances and draw completely different conclusions — that was clearly illustrated by the racial way in which America divided over the O.J. Simpson verdict. Perhaps that is because white Americans don't have the kind of analogous life experiences to draw upon that are usually helpful in achieving a greater understanding of the situations of others. I believe it is therefore critical that as we engage in discussions about race, white Americans really stop and listen to the day-to-day life experiences and observations of those black people who are comfortable discussing them before concluding that the problem doesn't actually exist.

I realize that I have limited this discussion to the particular predicament of blacks in America and have not included other ethnicities — something for which I often take a lot of flack. But while I recognize that there certainly are similarities in the discrimination other ethnic groups face, the status of American blacks requires special consideration. No other group in this nation's history has been subjected to the suffering and humiliation of barbaric enslavement, and certainly no other group has endured so much abject rejection by our society. And I believe we must be careful not to let our move toward multiculturalism obscure those facts.

My purpose in sharing these views is not to provide a completely, cogent analysis of race relations, nor is it to propose substantive remedies in any detail — that would take much longer than space allows here. Neither am I looking to convince anyone that my views are the only correct or important ones to be considered. As the title suggests, these are merely my own observations — my reflections — about experiences I've encountered during my pasty 35 years as a black man in America. But if a serious reading of this piece provokes considered thought and dialogue, hopefully it will ultimately impact and challenge the way we view race relations in our community. That would be an important first step.

Gregory Adams is a communications specialist who has been an advocate for the rights of gays and lesbians, people of color and the HIV-affected for several years. He was the Communications Director for the 1993 March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights, and presently works as a communications consultant for various public interest causes. His political and social commentaries have appeared in a host of gay and lesbian publications nationwide. ▼

Fountain to speak

Motivational speaker Joan Fountain will speak in celebration on International Women's Day on Friday, March 8, 7pm, The Grand, 1215 J St. The cost is $20 and partial proceeds benefits the Sacramento AIDS Foundation and CARES. Fountain has the ability to captivate, motivate and educate audiences. Featured on the Oprah Winfrey, Phil Donahue, Sally Jessy Rafael, Montel Williams and Faith Daniels shows, Fountain has gone from 420 pounds, depressed, and on welfare, to be healthy — mentally, physically, financially and psychologically. Info: BeeLine 552-5252

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Ed Dwight's studies of ancestral African imagery and the major contributions of the African to the African American culture led him to the evolution of jazz as an art form. A major series of bronze works, "Jazz, An American Art Form," followed, depicting the African American development of jazz from its roots through contemporary jazz as truly an American idiom. This series, exhibited throughout the United States, has received generous critical acclaim. The bronze sculpture will be on display February 9-29 at Nordstrom's, 1st floor, Arden Fair.

Other artists exhibiting are Curtis James, Austin Hansen, Remmie Sichalwe, Paula Long, Bob Burge, Kevin Hellon, James Denmark, Tafa Fiadzigbe, Denita Piltzer, Benny Barrios, Gene Pearson, Thai Varick, George West, and Leslie Prentis.

Dwight, a former Air Force test pilot and America's first African American astronaut trainee has created larger than life sculptures of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Jackie Robinson, Hank Aaron, Fredrick Douglas.

Info: 646-3960.▼

Ed Dwight with his "Miles Davis" bronze sculpture priced at $8500. The sculpture is 21'x12'.

Lost but not forgotten

reviewed by Stefan Grünwedel
MGW/Staff

***The City of Lost Children*. A film by Jean-Pierre Jeunet and Marc Caro. Starring Ron Perlman, Daniel Emilfork, Judith Vittet, and Dominique Pinon. (112 minutes.)**

Most movie trailers (those short "previews of coming attractions") are pretty bad. If they don't give away the whole plot, they merely showcase the film's highlights and make it look like a random, convoluted mess.

If you saw the trailer for *The City of Lost Children,* you were treated to a beautifully enigmatic *hors d'oeuvre* (without words, even), whose short-lived pungency left you yearning for the full course to come. It was almost a short film of its own, with scenes rearranged to suggest their own connections not realized in the actual movie.

The City of Lost Children is the second major film by the filmmaking duo, Jean-Pierre Jeunet and Marc Caro, who created the visually stunning, hilarious, and subversive *Delicatessen* four years ago. Although as different from the usual cinematic fare as that previous film, this new production is much more interesting and complex.

Imagine the Brothers Grimm in an alternative retro-future universe and you approach the world that this film is set in. The clothing is a little old fashioned but everywhere there's avant garde technology encased in artisan-quality metal and wood. (It's nothing our future will ever manufacture.) The city is covered by a perpetual night and the crowds seem paranoid. It's at once fascinating and scary.

One (Ron Perlman) gives Miette (Judith Vittet) a piggy-back ride through the grimy and bizarre city in Jeunet and Caro's *The City of Lost Children*.

Krank (Emilfork) plays a sinister evil scientist who ages prematurely because a biological defect prevents him from dreaming. He sets out his henchmen to kidnap little children so that he can steal their dreams instead and live longer. If it weren't for his ridiculous accomplices—a midget with a bad hairdo, a philosophizing brain in a fish tank, and six clones (each played in a unique manner by the very talented Pinon)—he might be a more terrifying creature.

After his goons kidnap one kid—in the film's zinger of an opener—the older brother, strangely named One (Perlman), sets out to find him. One is a circus strongman, so he's incredibly strong; but he doesn't seem all that bright, so it takes Miette (Vittet) to befriend him and help him find his adopted sibling.

Not that she starts with the thought of helping him. Miette is the nine-year-old leader of a gang of orphans who have developed ingenious means of survival in this hostile world. She is smart, and One is strong, so she puts him to use stealing a safe for the mean, Siamese-twin women who run the orphanage. Then they escape and embark on their own adventure together.

Miette finds herself becoming attracted to him. In one scene they interact in a surprisingly frank and touching manner. This is just one of the many surprises in both story and visuals that this film offers.

Consider these facts. The inspiration for this film began 15 years ago. The role of Krank was written specifically for the veteran actor Emilfork who plays him. The role of One was best suited for the American actor Perlman, even though he doesn't speak French (he delivers his lines phonetically). The costumes were designed by that bad-boy designer, Jean-Paul Gaultier. Pierre Buffin's special effects team worked ten months to come up with the most memorable moment in the film, lasting just five minutes.

These facts reveal the tremendous care and attention to detail that Jeunet and Caro paid to this film, and it shows in the results. *The City of Lost Children* is no muddled, out-of-control "tour de force." It's a visually arresting, intellectually compelling, and at times hilarious work of art.

The City of Lost Children plays at Landmark's Tower Theatre.▼

The songs of *Heroes* are our own

reviewed by Charles Peer
MGW/Staff

Performances: Fridays, Saturdays, 8pm; Sundays, 2pm through March 10, The Studio Theatre, 1028 R St. Info: 446-2668.

There is a hero in us all. That's the message that is joyously and beautifully brought to life in song and dance in the latest incarnation of *Heroes,* the Broadway revue created by Jacqueline Schultz and William Hedges.

Heroes features mostly Broadway show tunes. Not so much the show stoppers that we are all familiar with, but some of the lesser know songs that are nonetheless wonderful. Schultz and Hedge have carefully chosen selections from a disparate array of Broadway shows, skillfully blending them together to present not only a marvelous night of music, but a message of hope to all of us struggling through life. This is accomplished through very little dialogue, letting the lyrics of the songs convey the message.

The three woman show features Natalie Armstrong, Debra Knowlton and Schultz. They are accompanied by Hedge on the piano, who also fills in on some vocals and has a number or two of his own. The show moves through songs that are quite amusing such as "Triplets" from *The Bandwagon* that describes the "joy" of being a triplet to ones that are deeply moving and introspective like Knowlton's rendition of "Crazy World" from *Victor/Victoria.*

With over 30 songs, it is impossible to comment on them all, but some highlights were Knowlton's rendition of the moving "A Girl You Should Know" from *Starting Here, Starting Now* and the heartfelt look at friendship, "Old Friend" from *I'm Getting My Act Together and Taking It on the Road.* There were also plenty of comedy numbers, like the beauty shop antics of "I'm Going to Make you Beautiful" from *Starting Here, Starting Now* and Armstrong's sadly funny look at the klutz in us all in "Nobody Does It Like Me" from *Seesaw.*

Staging of the show is clever, as Schultz took her actors out into the audience on several numbers, bringing an almost cabaret effect to the show. And although the set itself was little more than a piano and black walls, it worked well, allowing the actors to transform it from a beauty salon, to an apartment to an audition stage for *Gypsy.*

Heroes was originally performed in 1990 aboard the Delta King where it had a lengthy and successful run. This latest edition is highly entertaining and good fun and should be even more succesful.▼

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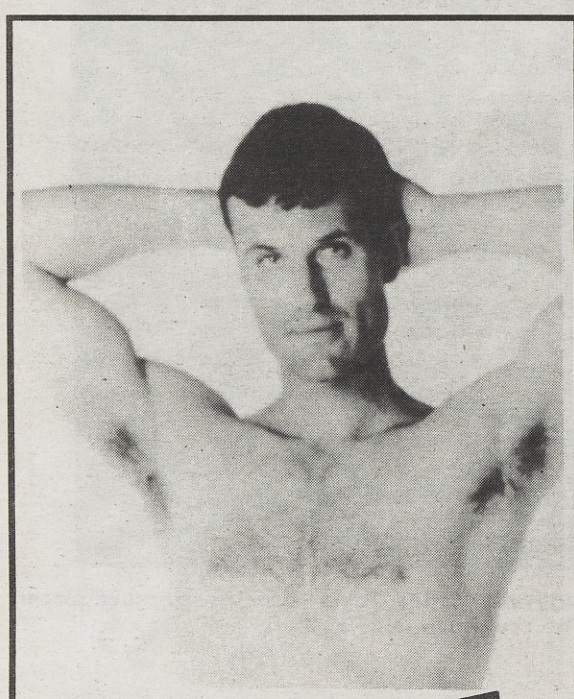

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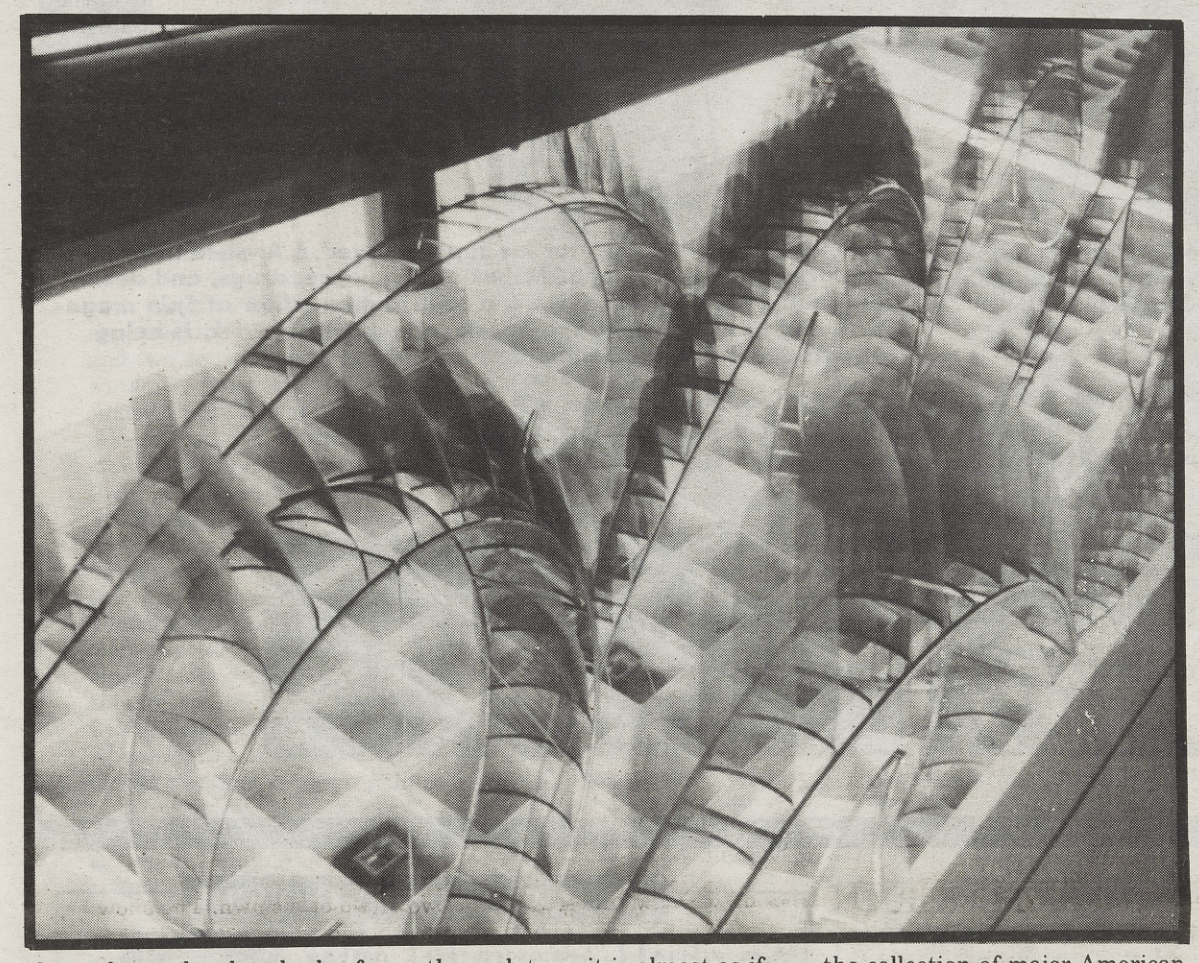
Artist unveils largest piece of public art in Northern California

Leonardo's Dream is centerpiece of new Colma BART Station

"Leonardo's Dream" a new public sculpture by artist Daniel Goldstein located at the new Colma BART station will be unveiled February 23 at the station-opening ceremony. The sculpture, measuring 70' long, 20' high and 20' wide, is one of the largest public sculptures commissioned in Northern California in many years. The piece is suspended from the ceiling of the concourse level of the station. Made of steel and anodized aluminum, the sculpture has hundreds of moving elements which respond to the wind and air currents that move through the open air station.



Goldstein drew his inspiration for "Leonardo's Dream" from the series of drawings depicting wind and water motion that Leonardo Da Vinci worked on near the end of his life. The moving aluminum panels are anodized with the blues, greens and violets associated with water. Goldstein explains, "As one stands under the sculpture, it is almost as if one were standing beneath the surface of the ocean looking up and watching the waves passing and breaking overhead."

A unique element which the artist incorporated into the sculpture is that all the horizontal steel supports are covered with Nixalite, a porcupine-like pigeon-proofing. The Nixalite adds a surprising softness and halo-like effect to the hard edges of the steel curves.

Goldstein, a San Francisco artist for over 20 years, has had more than 35 solo exhibitions at museums and galleries throughout the U.S., New Zealand and Japan. He is the subject of many publications, and his work is in the collection of major American museums, corporations and municipalities.

He has also distinguished himself as a founder of two Bay area AIDS organizations — Visual AID: Artists for AIDS Relief and Under One Roof — a shop that benefits the AIDS community.▼

It's been a while...

by John Batchelor
MGW/Staff

It's been some time since you have seen the **FLASH** column. This is partly due to the fact that my father died in December. He had been battling prostate cancer for five years. Many thanks to all of you who made this tough time a little easier to bear. I returned home to the West Coast to another warm and caring family. My honey, **Michael,** has been especially comforting. I'm so fortunate that he is in my life. Subsequently I am back to work, back to dancing and now back to writing ▼ Happy January and February birthdays to **James Ozanich, Steve Scott, Tim White, Rich Wilkes, Nancy Reed, Kevin Webb, Greg Matthews, Scott Vorhees, Art Katz, Alice Stizanelli, Wayne Randall, MGW publisher Linda Birner, Jack Rangel, Joanna Cassese, Stephen Crow, Ed Condon, Val Tibbett, Charlotte Williams, Marcheta Smith, Michael Mary Addison, Kathy Haberman, Gary Chapman.** The **Sacramento Women's Chorus** (SWC) is fast approaching their 10 year anniversary (1997). Currently under the direction of **Mary WillAllen.** The group put on a wonderful winter concert with "Carols Old & New" ▼ On a similar note, the **Sacramento Men's Chorus** (SMC) also had a successful holiday concert. The word out is that they not only broke even but actually made money! SMC will perform their spring concert **"Ports of Call"** on April 13 & 14 at the Sierra II Center ▼ What a wonderful holiday open house at the home of **Dennis Mangers** and **Michael Sestak.** Yummy food abounded and Michael's culinary skills were on evident display. They always say the way to a man's heart is through his stomach. Michael has this department covered ▼ Belated get well wishes to **Jeffrey Farley.** After a pretty big fall, Jeffrey is on the road to recovery. We wish him and his significant other **Mike Tentis** all the best ▼ Taking the plunge are **Joe Concannon** and **David Philipp.** They made the big move recently. To celebrate the occasion, Joe is sporting a new pair of glasses. (Well maybe he just liked them.) In any case, we wish them many happy years together ▼ Belated anniversary wishes to **Troy Stauss** and **Brad Buyse.** They turned the corner on four years! Troy is SAF's Hand to Hand director. Congratulations! ▼ **Neil Mikota** enlisted some friends to help him at a Red Cross benefit. The friends all eagerly volunteered and even bought raffle tickets on decorated Christmas trees. Low and behold, all three friends won trees to take home. The lucky boys are Neil's honey **Greg Brooks,** my beloved **Michael Yahner** and **Jim Heatherly.** Unfortunately Neil had to go out and buy his own tree ▼ What a to-do at the **Sterling Hotel** in Midtown. They have expanded their already beautiful facility. My favorite room is the Ballroom. If you missed the grand opening celebration, take a look at the corner of 13th & H streets ▼ **Kevin Cohee,** active man about town, took part in a documentary not too long ago. However, his **starring** role will need to be redone due to technological problems. What is the status on that? In the meantime Kevin has had two house parties. One was "Give the Gift of Gab". The other was a kitchen gadgets party. Where does he get the energy? ▼ Until March, stay busy and happy ..... ***John***▼

Ian McKellen says first film star to admit he's gay will be a hero

Sir Ian McKellen, star of the British stage, who revealed he was gay in 1989, has predicted that the first young film star to say, "I'm gay, I'm open about it, I won't play this game," will become a hero.

According to a report in a recent *Parade* magazine, it may even bring an end to Hollywood's taboo in which agents, managers, producers and public relations people tell young stars if they reveal they are gay, it will ruin their careers.

"I can't recommend it strongly enough," McKellen said of revealing his own sexual preference. "It really upsets me that so many actors, even other actors of my generation — Alan Bates, Tom Courtenay — were making films, I was still discovering how to act."

Nevertheless, many women still consider the 56-year-old McKellen attractive. "I get fan letters from women telling me I'm sexy and saying 'I know you're gay,'" he added.▼

Candlelight memorial and mobilization set

The 13th International AIDS Candlelight Memorial and Mobilization will be on Sunday, May 19.

"Our theme this year is 'AIDS Discrimination Is a Global Epidemic,'" Program Director Ben Carlson said. "Around the world, people with HIV and AIDS suffer discrimination caused by fear, ignorance, and misconceptions about the disease. In the U.S., the Congress passed a Department of Defense bill that calls for all HIV-positive service members to be discharged, regardless of their health, and denies them and their families the medical benefits available to those who receive medical discharges for other reasons. This is blatantly discriminatory."

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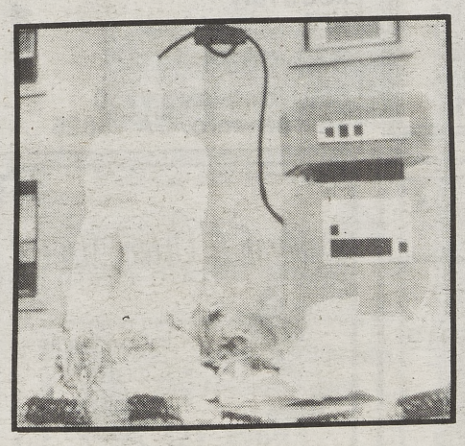

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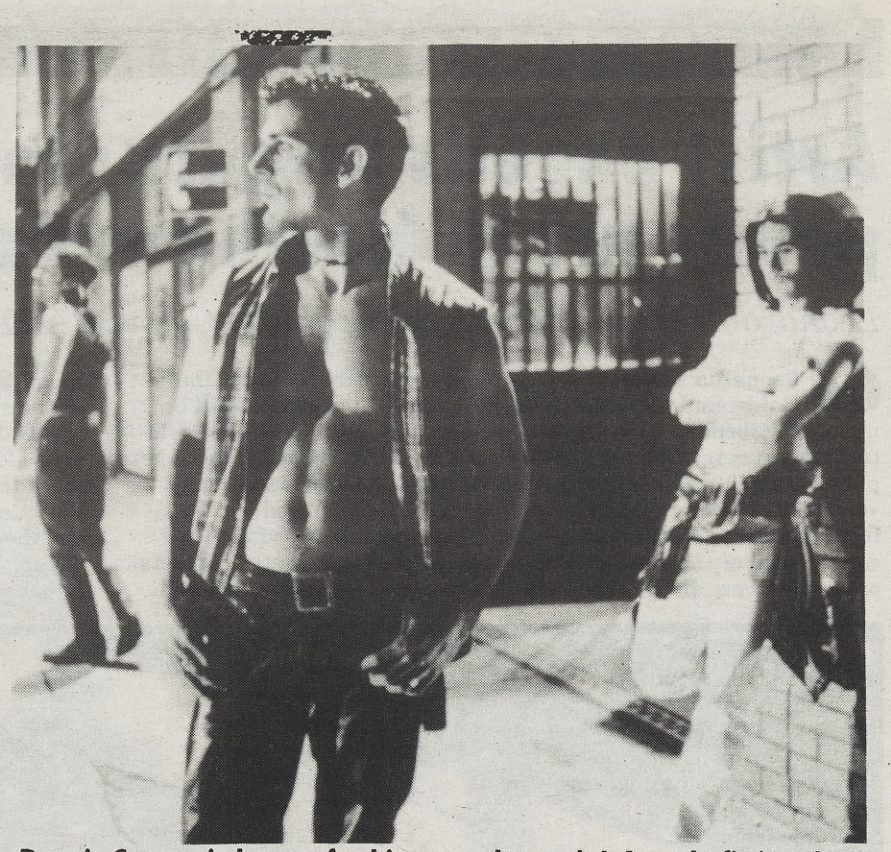

Dennis Cooper is known for his supercharged, L.A.-style fiction that captures the gay way of S&M, sex and violence, drugs, and decadence in 1990's America. He is a contributing editor at *Spin* magazine and has published five novels, one of which, *Frisk,* is being adapted into a feature film.

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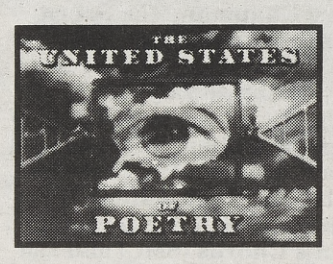

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More on barking...

by Joan B. Guertin
MGW/Staff

There are many reasons that dogs bark. Let's look at them and some possible solutions:

Several times a year I get calls from clients asking about the advisability of obtaining a second dog to keep their first dog company. In most cases, the addition of a second dog will only add to the problems. In the case of my own Corgi, Beau, a second dog was the perfect solution. The reason it worked was that Beau was already a well-behaved dog who was suffering from some separation anxiety due to my having to work longer hours and his being left home alone. He knew the house rules and he was able to be a good role model for Chiquita when she joined the household.

In the case of the young, untrained dog you often double your trouble. Now you have two dogs barking, two dogs digging and two dogs jumping on the windows, doors, etc. My suggestion is to work on the present dog, get it trained, teach it the rules of the family , and then, get the second dog.

Some of the other reasons for problem barking may be due to neighbors or school kids teasing; dogs left out at night ; habitual barking to hear it's own voice or boredom; challenges from dogs on the other side of the fence. I have a friend whose neighbor dogs bark whenever the trains, several blocks away, go by during the night. They don't bark when planes fly over, but the trains get them going. And then, there is the response when someone in the neighborhood walks their dog on YOUR DOG'S street! And, of course, there are inevitable sirens that set the entire neighborhood off on a howling spree.

MGW/Linda Birner

Gertie, Carol Hull's Cairn Terrier, enjoys a special holiday treat.

Children...

In the case of children or neighbor's teasing, often it is a matter of education. I've spent lots of time at my fence, introducing my dogs, by name, to the neighbors and the kids walking to and from school. Once my dogs know them and the neighbors speak to them by name, there is now no reason for the dogs to bark and it ends. Children often just need to be enlightened about the negative results of teasing to understand why they need to stop it. I've also encouraged service people such as meter readers, the UPS delivery man and those who take regular walks past my house, to toss my dogs a dog biscuit. This now establishes these people as OK. I don't worry about an intruder using this method to get past my dogs as they are pretty smart about who belongs and who doesn't.

Nights...

Night barking can be fixed by simply bringing the dog in at night. Remember that dogs are pack animals. They do not do well alone, without their pack. If the dog isn't reliable in the house, get a crate and teach the dog to sleep in it. Now the dog is quiet, you have him inside to alert you if there is a threat to the house, and, in addition, it is contained so that it does no damage to the premises. With maturity, your dog can earn house privileges.

Neighbors...

If the neighbors aren't cooperative, a solution may be putting the dog in another area in the yard so that it doesn't come in contact with the problem area. This also works well for the dogs that challenge each other through the fence and get into barking fights. When you are home, handle this with the use of water, but when you are away, remove the temptation by making an environmental change.

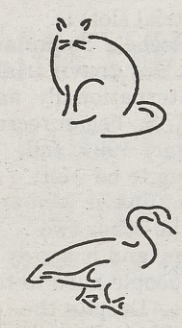
Water, whistles...

In all cases the solution to barking problems lies in interrupting behavior and rewarding the appropriate behavior. Starting with a puppy is easiest as we can often nip the problems in the bud. You can interrupt behavior with a stream of water from the squirt bottle. USE ONLY WATER, not lemon juice or vinegar as either one can burn the eyes if misdirected. Also, spraying it down the throat means that you must come in contact with the dog and the body language and the actual spraying will put you in the position of "attacking", now the dog is suspicious of your approach. Another way to interrupt behavior is to blow on a whistle, knock on the window and ask for QUIET! The can with a handful of pennies or pebbles, shaken briskly, works on some dogs. But, for the hard-core barker, you may have to rely on the heavy stream of water from the garden hose. I have had several dogs that responded to "HOSE", and immediately quieted because they knew that I would follow that with the actual jet of water. Working on the problem when you are home helps regulate behavior for when you are not home.

Classes...

Training classes allow for appropriate socialization and provides a healthy outing for the dog in order to relieve boredom. It also gets it out of the backyard and allows it to take part in what goes on in the rest of the world. In addition, this allows you to work with a trainer who will share training and problems solving tips. There are also any number of really good books available on problem solving, so don't hesitate to consult your local library or book store. A favorite of mine is a series of pamphlets by behaviorist /Veterinarian and trainer, Ian Dunbar. The one on Barking is outstanding and I use it frequently. Contact them at the Center for Applied Animal Behavior, 2140 Shattuck Avenue, #2406, Berkeley, CA 94704.

Remember the cardinal rule that I follow when correcting problems. We are dealing with a behavior that is inappropriate and we must change that behavior. In the process, we do not want to use any method that will hurt the dog. Anytime you hurt the dog you create more problems and you may break down that fragile ingredient that you need for a healthy master/dog relationship.....trust.▼



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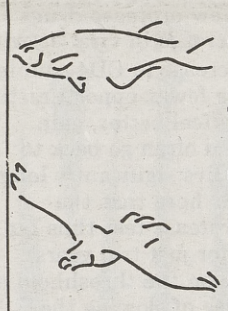

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The big message here is hope...

by Sonya Cox
AIDS/HIV Editor

The ultimate proof can come only over time, but researchers are now closer than ever to finding drug combinations that may keep the progression of AIDS under check. At the same time, treatments that appear to be even more effective continue to surface.

Many Sacramento physicians have long been treating people with combination or alternating therapy because using one drug alone often eventually results in drug resistance or mutant strains. Combination therapy hits the HIV virus at different stages of its reproductive cycle, thus delaying drug resistance. The new protease inhibitors strike at yet another point late in the virus' cycle, interfering with the formation of the enzyme coat called protease that the virus must have in order to infect other cells.

Recent research also shows that a simultaneous three-drug attack on the virus may be more effective than a two-drug treatment plan. The most promising early results appear to come from a combination of AZT, 3TC, and one of the new protease inhibitors. Testing also supports the use of DDC, D4T or DDI with 3TC, plus the protease inhibitors, but it's not yet known which groups of triple combinations will be most beneficial. It is becoming fairly clear, however, that a 3-drug combination may be the treatment plan of the future. (3TC, also called Epivir, appears to work especially well in children and is being made into flavored drops for them.)

One of the new experimental protease inhibitors is Ritonavir, from Abbott Labs, studied in 1,000 people for a year. The other is Indinavir (Crixivan), from Merck, studied in 30 people for less than six months. Both are expected to receive quick government approval. The only protease inhibitor thus far approved by the Food and Drug Administration (meaning it's available by prescription, rather than by lottery for a trial slot) is Hoffman-LaRoche's Saquinavir (Invirase). A Saquinavir trial with 3,300 internationally, and 1,000 in the U.S., began recruitment in January 1994, and shows the drug to be well tolerated. Saquinavir is not as powerful as the other two protease drugs, and is poorly absorbed, so people need to take a large dosage. Despite the drawbacks, early indications are that even very ill people who take the new protease drugs show a decrease in viral activity and an increase in CD4 counts, experience fewer opportunistic infections, feel better, gain weight, and often go back to work and live sigificantly longer (remember here that the longest protease test thus far has been for just two years).

We're on the threshhold of the promise of slowing the disease process to something that may approach a normal lifespan, major strides are being made that exceed anything seen thus far, and optimistic pharmacy companies predict that "for the first time, we may be close to achieving almost total suppression of the AIDS virus in most patients." But AIDS specialists remind people that this is not a cure, that we have been greatly disappointed before, that we have to see how this plays out and how these drugs benefit people over time. Decisions must be made not only on how to combine the available drugs with one another, but on how much to prescribe without causing toxicity and organ failure, and whether to administer the combo earlier in the disease process, before the 500 T-cell mark. Only time will tell us the answers to these questions.

But change is on the horizon. Change can often bring great promise, and this particular change appears to bring with it legitimate hope. And don't be surprised over the next year if your physician reevaluates and discusses with you a change in your treatment plan. If you've been concerned about taking drugs such as AZT, now may certainly be the time to take another look at the numerous options available. But change can also be frightening, so maintain (or establish) a good working relationship with your physician, do not withhold information about your concerns or about any treatments you are using (including your visits to the health-food store), and work on making these decisions together.

Another of the changes you may see is the way the medical evaluation tests are conducted. CD4 T-cell count, still the most important marker in disease progression, is now thought by some reseachers to show a clearer picture of the virus' activity as a whole when combined with tests to measure viral load (to see how actively the virus is multiplying in the body at a given time). A person with a low viral load and a T-cell count of 500, for example, may take different medications than a person with a high viral load (greater than 100,000) and the same T-cell count. Viral load testing is not universally available, however, nor is it covered by all insurance companies.

As we creep closer to resolving the terrible problem of having no medications to effectively treat AIDS, we may now be confronted with its ethically complex counterpart, most especially for people outside the United States — having drugs that extend life by another 10 to 20 years, but we need between $12,000 and $20,000 a year per person to get them.

Thanks (and can we have a few tubes more?)...

CARES clients will soon be seeing new notices in the clinic lobby asking for their blood. HIV testing by blood bank researchers offers clients a way to help find ways to treat AIDS, and at the same time help support the clinic. At $20 per person, CARES last year earned $7,000 from the projects. Thanks to the 350 clients who took the time to donate blood for last year's blood bank studies, and to those activist clients who try new combination therapies and participate in the many other research projects at CARES. The community is very grateful.▼

Matsui co-sponsors HIV legislation

A bill cosponsored by Rep. Robert T. Matsui (D-Sacramento) which will repeal a mandatory discharge of 1,049 HIV positive military personnel was introduced in Congress.

Section 567 of H.R. 1530, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1996, would require the discharge or retirement of military personnel who test positive for HIV.

"There is no explanation — beyond plain bigotry — to discharge HIV-positive military personnel," Matsui said. "It's a sad irony that on the day magic Johnson announces he's returning to the Los Angeles Lakers, the United States Congress decides to discharge HIV positive military personnel over the wishes of the Pentagon."

Congressional proponents of the HIV discharge have argued the measure is intended to improve military readiness. However, the Department of Defense did not seek and did not support the measure.

Matsui continued, "The false claim that military readiness demands HIV discharges is flatly contradicted by other policies. The fact that personnel with conditions such as diabetes, asthma, heart disease or even cancer will remain in active duty while those who are HIV positive will be forced out of their professions flies in the face of this unjustifiable provision."

Until passage of Section 567, the 1,049 male and female personnel have been allowed to continue to reenlist and work so long as they are physically able to perform their jobs. The Department of Defense has noted that over half of the HIV positive personnel are married, many with children.▼

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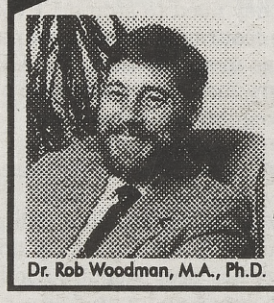
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Readers are invited to add the names of their loved ones to MGW's remembrance column. Call 648-1120 at least 30 days prior to the anniversary month of your loss. Info about creating a NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Panel, call 484-5646.▼

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David (Dave) L. Bell

Born October 14, 1961, Dave Bell was a life long resident of the Sacramento and Roseville area. A graduate of Mesa Verde High School, American River College and Western Computer College, Dave was employed as a computer operations specialist with Electronics Data Systems for the past 10 years.

Dave loved good times with his friends, hard rock concerts, animals, the San Francisco 49ers, the outdoors and bowling. He was a member of the River City Bowling League and RCDC.

Dave died peacefully at home in Sacramento surrounded by those he loved on December 14, 1995. Memorial services were held in his hometown of Roseville December 19. His ashes were scattered in Hawaii on February 14.

Dave is survived by his domestic partner Billy M. Boyd and his son Majestic Boyd. His father James D. Bell, mother Alda Stizzo Bell of Roseville, sister Gail Bell of Albuquerque, New Mexico, brother James Bell Jr. of Dunsmeer, brother Ricky Bell of Citrus Heights.

Many contributions were made to the Sacramento AIDS Foundation, for which we thank you. Any additional contributions may be made to the Center for AIDs Research, Education and Services (CARES).

We will always miss you Dave, and always remember your great smile and loving attitude.▼

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CODA, Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 7:30pm, 442-0185.

BEING GAY TODAY, Channel 17, 10pm.

16 FRIDAY

JULIA/DOLPHIN TRAHAM, JOAN JETT BLAKK & LEE WILLIAMS, Luna Sea, 2940 16th St., #216C, San Francisco, $7-$15, 8pm, 415/863-2989.

SECOND WIND, Sam's Town, Cameron Park, 8pm.

DALE SCHOLL DANCE ART, "Bebop," CSUS Dancespace, Solano Hall 1010, CSUS, 8pm, $10-$12, 451-3732.

SACRAMENTO SPORTS, BOAT & RV SHOW, Cal Expo, 1-9pm, 452-6403.

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BLACK NATION FAMILY MEETING, 7pm, Cable Channel 17.

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BLACK BUSINESS SUMMIT, 9pm, Cable Channel 17.

SOULJAH STORIES, storytelling with black pop cultural emphasis, 12am, Cable Channel 17.

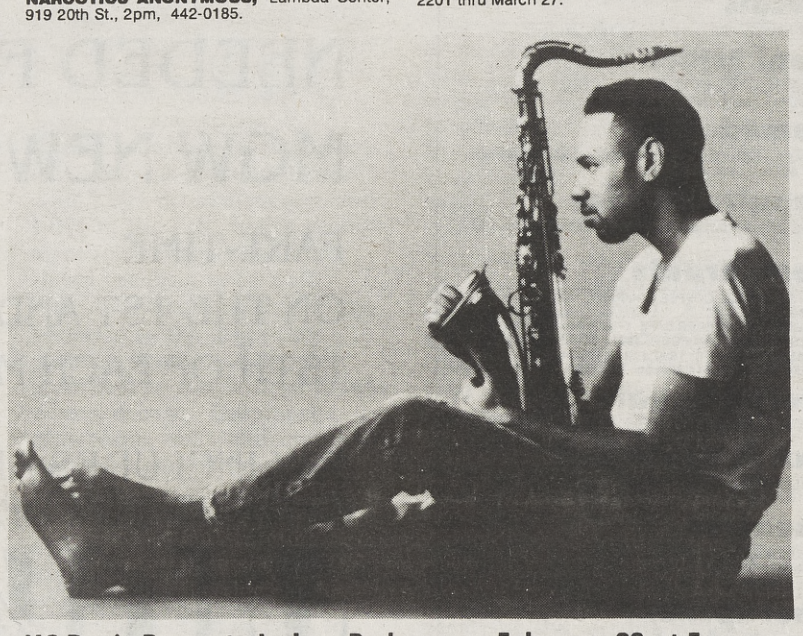
AN EVENING OF MUSIC & DANCE, Chamber Music Society of Sac. & Ruth Rosenberg Dance Ensemble, CSUS Music Recital Hall, CSUS campus, 7:30pm, $10-$12, 457-7733.

MCC, Worship service, 9am, 10:45am, 6pm.

RIVER CITY BOWLERS, Land Park Bowl, 5850 Freeport Blvd., 6pm, 451-8663.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 11am, 442-0185.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS, Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 2pm, 442-0185.



UC Davis Presents Joshua Redman on February 23 at Freeborn Hall, UC Davis.

19 MONDAY

SACRAMENTO SPORTS, BOAT & RV SHOW, Cal Expo, 10am-6pm, 452-6403.

BLACK NATION FAMILY MEETING, 7pm, Cable Channel 17.

CAMELLIA SYMPHONY, Celebration of Black American Music, 8pm, Cable Channel 17.

HIV+ EMOTIONAL SUPPORT GROUP, Buhler Bldg, 2800 L St., 7:30pm, 446-3734, 386-2504.

20 SOMETHINGS Social/Rap Group, Lambda Center, 7pm, 442-0185.

MCC FAMILY NIGHT, Social Hall, 6:30pm.

FRONTRUNNERS, McKinley Park 6:30pm, 974-8199.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 6pm, 442-0185.

20 TUESDAY

PFLAG, St. Marks United Methodist Church, 2391 St. Marks Way, Fireside Rm., 7:30pm, 978-0410, 863-9612.

COMMON SENSE DOG TRAINING, Puppy Kindergarten 6:30pm, Beginning Obedience, 7:40pm, West Sac. Comm. Ctr., 485-2201 thru March 26.

CAPITAL CITY SQUARES Dance class, Jefferson Elementary School, 6:30pm, 929-8697.

21 WEDNESDAY

LESBIAN/GAY BUSINESS ALLIANCE (LGBA), Carrows, 28th & J St., 7pm, Pres. Mark Hoffman (Sports Leisure Travel) will interview Publisher/Editor Linda Birner of MGW/DGW Newspapers, 863-9733.

COMMON SENSE DOG TRAINING, Puppy Kindergarten 6:30pm, Beginning Obedience, 6:30pm, Bohemia Park, Wright St. & Yellowstone Ave., 485-2201 thru March 27.

Maija Peeples, "Having A Pleazoore", 1993 Mixed Media on Paper at the Solomon Dubnick Gallery, 2131 Northrop Ave.

YOUTH RAP GROUP, Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 6pm, 442-0185.

CAFE LAMBDA, Poetry reading: Michael Gorman, Akila Jaye, karen a. dalyea, Billie Jean Jones, Patrick Stevens, Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 8pm, 442-0185.

BEING GAY TODAY, Channel 17, 4pm.

22 THURSDAY

SACRAMENTO COUNTY HISTORIAL SOCIETY, Delta King and Delta Queen Steamboat Saga, 7pm, 5380 Elvas Ave., 929-9423.

RCDC RE-ACTIVATION MEETING, Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 6:30pm, 488-5547, 921-1837.

MARLON RIGGS' "BLACK IS... BLACK AIN'T, KVIE, 10pm.

GGBA, 22nd Anniversary, Installation & Awards Dinner, Miyako Hotel, San Francisco, 415/441-3651.

21ST ANNUAL CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY FORUM, Holiday Inn Northeast, Date Ave., 9am-9pm, 933-0181.

MARKFARLAND/WHISTLER DANCEARTCOMPANY, "Powerful Science," Theater Artaud, 450 Florida St., San Francisco, 8pm, $12.50-$16.50, 415/621-7797.

MCC CATHEDRAL SINGERS REHEARSAL, Sanctuary, 7pm.

BEING ALIVE LIVING ROOM, Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 2-5pm, 442-0185.

WOMEN'S COMING OUT GROUP, Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 6pm, 442-0185.

CODA, Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 7:30pm, 442-0185.

BEING GAY TODAY, Channel 17, 10pm.

23 FRIDAY

SECOND WIND, Sam's Town, Cameron Park, 8pm.

GSAC, Dinner out, Changs, 920-8426.

JOSHUA REDMAN, 8pm, Freeborn Hall, UC Davis, 752-1915.

ASUCD WHOLE EARTH FESTIVAL BENEFIT CONCERT, 8pm, Veteran's Memorial Theater, Davis, 758-2770.

FLAGS, Night Out, Granito's Piedre, Rocklin, RSVP 889-2515 by Feb. 21.

PACIFIC ORCHID EXPOSITION PREVIEW NIGHT, Fort Mason, Festival Pavilion; $20, 6-10pm.

WOMEN IN BUSINESS SEMINAR SERIES, "Fundamentals of Financial Fitness for Women," 1787 Tribute Rd., #A, 7:30-9:30am, 263-6580.

DYKES OUT TOGETHER, dinner out, RSVP by Feb. 21, 927-6038.

OUTWRITE '96, Boston, MA thru Feb. 25, 617/262-6969.

21ST ANNUAL CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY FORUM, Holiday Inn Northeast, Date Ave., 9am-4pm, 933-0181.

24 SATURDAY

PACIFIC ORCHID EXPOSITION, Fort Mason, Festival Pavilion, $8, 9am-6pm.

CHINESE NEW YEAR FESTIVAL CELEBRATION, Isleton, 11am-4pm, 777-5880.

MELONNEE DESIREE, Natalie Cortez & the Ultraviolets, The Palms, 726 Drummond, Davis, 8pm, $8.50, 923-BASS.

SACWN CYBERSIG MEETING, learn to surf the net! 10:30am, 451-8034.

EAGLES WALKING, Sarti's, Jibbom St., 10am, 991-2420.

FRONTRUNNERS, Guy West Bridge, 9am, 974-8199.

BEING GAY TODAY, Channel 17, 10am.

YOUTH SOCIAL, Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 8pm, 442-0185.

25 SUNDAY

INTEGRITY/NORTHERN CALIF., Evening Prayer Service for retired Bishop Walter C. Righter, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, 2620 Capitol, 7pm.

GSAC, Afternoon movie/video, 729-3799.

CAPITOL CHAMBER PLAYERS, "Music for Strings," Congregation B'nai Israel, 3600 Riverside Blvd., 3pm, $8.

PACIFIC ORCHID EXPOSITION, Fort Mason, Festival Pavilion, $8, 10am-5pm.

DIFFERENT SPOKES, 20 mile ride meet @ California St./Fair Oaks Blvd., 10am, 962-7434.

CINDERELLA TRAINING RIDE, 35 mile ride, meet 10am, corner of San Ramon & Amador Valley, Dublin (near I-580/I-680). Bring bag lunch, water, helmet. 408/629-0139.

RIVER CITY BOWLERS, Land Park Bowl, 5850 Freeport Blvd., 6pm, 451-8663.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 11am, 442-0185.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS, Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 2pm, 442-0185.

26 MONDAY

LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION, CA NOW, Capitol Basement Rotunda, 5pm.

COMMON SENSE DOG TRAINING, Puppy Kindergarten, 6:30pm, Beginning Obedience, 7:40pm, 7465 Rush River Dr., Promenade Ctr., behind Pocket South Pet Hospital, 485-2201 thru April 1.

MCC EAGLES NEST, The 12 Steps, 6pm, 1722 J St., #8.

FRONTRUNNERS, CSUS track, 6:30pm, 974-8199.

WOMEN'S CHORUS Rehearsal, new members welcome! 6:30-8:30pm, 424-4411.

MEN'S COMING OUT GROUP, Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 5:30pm, 442-0185.

COLORS, Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 7pm, 442-0185.

27 TUESDAY

"THE RIGHT TO MARRY FOR SAME SEX COUPLES...", Walter L. Wiliams, Ph.D., Soka University, 26800 W. Mulholland Hwy., Calabasas, 7-8:30pm, 818/878-3780.

GINA LIVINGSTON, Harlow's, 2708 J St., 9:30pm.

CAPITAL CITY SQUARES Dance class, Jefferson Elementary School, 6:30pm, 929-8697.

SABN (BISEXUAL), Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 7pm, 442-0185.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 8pm, 442-0185.

28 WEDNESDAY

EAGLES Potluck, Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 6:30pm, 442-1085

MCC FAMILY NIGHT, Social Hall, 6:30pm.

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FRONTRUNNERS, McKinley Park 6:30pm, 974-8199.

29 THURSDAY

SAF FORD EXPLORER GRAND PRIZE DRAWING, 448-2437, ext. 215

JEANS AND BEER, Sacramento Symphony, Crest Theater, 1013 K St., 7:30pm, 449-6950.

GALLERIES

African American Portrait Collection, Ed Dwight, bronze works: "Jazz, An American Art Form," Nordstroms, 1st floor, Arden Fair Mall, Feb. 9-29, artist appearance: Feb. 17, 10:45-11:45am, 646-3960.

Artistes Studio Gallery, Tribes II March 6-April 6, "New Works," David Wetzl, Jim Leitzell, Leitha Thrall, Feb. 7-March 2, 1723 I St. 441-1286.

Barbetta's, Matters of the Heart, Feb. 5-March 1, 2316 J St., 443-4959.

Big Art, Paintings by Paul Richards, Feb. 6-March 1: Watercolors by Eddie Camacho, drawings by Laurie Hicklin, Mar. 5-April 5, reception: Mar. 9, 7-9pm, 1928 L St., 446-2740.

Blooming Art, Romance group show featuring 43 artists, 1901 Capitol Ave., 442-3800.

Calif. Palace of The Legion of Honor, "Picasso The Sculptor, thru March 10; "The Treasures of the Achenbach Foundation for Graphic Arts, thru March 3, Pergamon: The Telephos Frieze from the Great Altar, May 4-Sept. 8, Paris Modern: The Swedish Ballet 1920-1925 June 15-Sept. 8; Masterworks of Modern Sculpture from the Nasher Collection, Oct.-Jan. 1997; In The Mind's Eye: Dutch Paintings from Utrecht in the Golden Age, June 1997-August 1997, 34th Ave. & Clement St., San Francisco, 415/863-3330.

Center for the Arts, "Urban Site: Third & Mission," Ira Nowinski, Jo Babcock, Michael Naimark; "Eight From South Africa" and "South Africa Today" Dec. 21-March 3, 1996, Yerba Buena Gardens, San Francisco, 415/978-ARTS.

Chooz-a-Pasta, Comic Press News Award Winners, 1230 20th St., March 1-31.

Crocker Art Museum, "I Dream A World: Portraits of Black Women Who Changed America," Jan. 6-Feb. 25, Golden Age of Danish Art, Jan. 19-March 10; Gladys Nilsson: Recent Work Jan. 26-April 14, Mentors, Guides & Gurus: A Student Exhibition thru Feb. 25, 70th Crocker-Kingsley Jurried Art Exhbition May 31-July 11, . 216 O St. 264-7372.

De Young Museum, The Art of Kaisik Wong, thru March 17: Nothing Lost from the Original: William Wiley Looks at Art History thru April 7; John James Audubon, Feb. 3-April 14; Faberge in America May 25-July 28: The Enjoyment of African Art: Masks and Sculptures from the Michael R. Heide Collection Nov.-March 1997; Beat Culture and the New America: 1950-1965 Oct. 5-Dec. 29; The Peale Family: Creation of a Legacy, 1770-1870 Jan. 26, '97-April 6, '97; Life and Afterlife in Ancient Peru: Treasures from the Museo Arqueologico Rafael Larco Herrera May '97-August '97

Fantasy Games, Comic Press News Award Winners, 1024 10th St., April 1-30.

Fox & Goose, Comic Press News Award Winners, 1001 R St., thru February.

Galeria de la Raza/Studio 24 "Year of the Immigrant," Jan. 17-March 2, 24th & Bryant, San Francisco, 415/826-8009.

Matrix Gallery, Hifumi Ogawa, Marlene Angeja, Feb. 3-March 2, Printmakers - Doug Minkler, Seung Chul Lee, Brooke Molla, Marianne Kolb, Feb. 3-March 30, 1725 I St. 441-4818.

Michael Himovitz Gallery, Stuart Allen, Frank Damiano, Nathaniel F. Lewis, Feb. 7-March 1; Gary Epting, Kurt Kemp, Mark Perleman, March 6-April 5, reception: March 9, 7-9pm; Chooi Goh, Margaret Woodcock, Eric Wyss, April 17-May 24, reception: May 11, 7-9pm, 1020 10th St, 448-8723.

Nelson Gallery, Clay Works Feb. 25-March 29; Annual Master of Fine Arts Exhbitions May 31-June 28. UCD, 124 Art Bldg., 752-8500.

Quicksilver Mine Co., Constructions by Ben Hill, Jan. 12-Feb. 18, Artwalk in Sebastopol, first Thurs. every month, 5:30-8pm; group show: Landscapes, Feb. 23-March 31, reception: Feb. 23 5:30-7:30, 154 N. Main St., Sebastopol, 707/829-2416.

Ritts Gallery, "Oil & Water," Ema Loann Deans, Pat Iwahiro-Kemick, Pate Munson, Feb. 3-24, 6005 Auburn Blvd.,, #100, 729-8244.

Solomon Dubnick, Maija Peeples, Roy Herrick, Feb. 8-March 2, 2131 Northrop, 920-4547.

Shenandoah Vineyards, Chooi Goh - Landscapes, Eric Wyss - Ceramic sculpture, Feb. 3-March 31, 12300 Steiner Rd., Plymouth, 209/245-4455.

Uptown Arts, The Stoney Inn Bar & Grill, Art Show/Auction, Feb. 15, 7pm, 1320 Del Paso Blvd., 927-6023; Kim Mueller, Nanci Mills, Phantom Scavenger Hunt, Feb. 19, 1001 Del Paso Works, $25, 457-5971, 649-9632; Over The Edge Gravity Races, 2170 Edgewater Rd., Feb. 24, $20, 924-1522; Global Wine Tasting, Enotria Cafe & Wine Bar, 1431 Del Paso Blvd., Feb. 25, $25, 447-9463; Chinese New Year Celebration Cooking Class/Dinner, Mamzelle Catering, Feb. 27, 6pm, 2301 J St., rear door, $85, 441-3175; Rob Kerth Birthday Bash, Feb. 28, 7pm, No. Sac. Chamber of Commerce, 492 Arden Way, $20, 646-3121;

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THEATER

Broadway Series *An Inspector Calls*, Apr. 2 - 7; *Ain't Misbehavin'*, May 28 - Jun 2., Sacramento Light Opera Assoc., Community Center Theatre, 1301 L St, 264-5181.

Caryn Horwitz, *Making Porn*, Feb. 23-Feb. 25, WARNING: Contains nudity & strong language, 24th St. Theater, 2791 24th St., 484-5088.

Chautauqua Playhouse, *Scandals, Lies, and Then Some*, Jan. 12-Feb. 17; *The White Rose*, March 1-April 6; *Dial M for Murder*, April 19-May 25; 5325 Engle Rd., Carmichael, 489-PLAY.

CSUS Playwright's Theatre, *A Thurber Carnival*, Feb. 29-Mar. 9, **6000 J St., 278-6604.**

Garbeau's, *Pocahontas*, Jan. 20-March 9; *Glenn Miller Orchestra*, April 17; *I Hate Hamlet*, Jan. 12-March 10; *Private Lives*, March 15-May 5; *Spider's Web, A Portrait of Patsy Cline*, May 8-June 2; July 12-Sept. 15; *Dracula*, Sept. 20-Nov. 24; *Holidazzle*, Nov. 29-Dec. 30. 12401 Folsom Blvd., 985-6361.

Golden Gate Theatre, *Andrew Lloyd Webber—Music of the Night*, March 13-April 7; *An Inspector Calls*, April 9-May 5, 1 Taylor @ Market, San Francisco, 415/776-1999.

The Lambda Players, *Edward II* in rep with *A Lesbian Spectacular*, Apr 5-May 4; *The Killing of Sister George* in rep with *The Boys in the Band*, May 31-Jul 6. 442-7752.

Music Circus, *The Unsinkable Molly Brown, July 8-14, The Gig*, July 15-21, *Kiss Me, Kate July 22-28, The Sound of Music*, July 29-Aug. 4, *Kismet*, Aug. 5-11, *Fiddler on the Roof*, Aug. 12-18, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, Aug. 19-25, 1419 H St., 557-1999.

River Stage, *It's a Girl!* Feb. 22-Mar. 10, Cosumnes River College, 8401 Center Pkwy., 688-7364.

Sacramento City Actors Theatre, *The Wonderful World of Sholom Aleichem*, March 1-30, 3835 Freeport Blvd., 558-2228.

Sacramento Theatre Co, *Measure for Measure*, Feb. 29-April 18; *Candida*, Mar. 7 - April 11; Acting Out, *Three Women With All The Time in the World*, Tues., Weds., Thurs. thru April 1; *Lonely Planet*, March 27-May 29; *Broken Glass*, May 9-May 30, 1419 H St, 443-6722.

Studio Theatre, *Heroes*, Feb. 2-March 10, 1028 R St., 446-2668.

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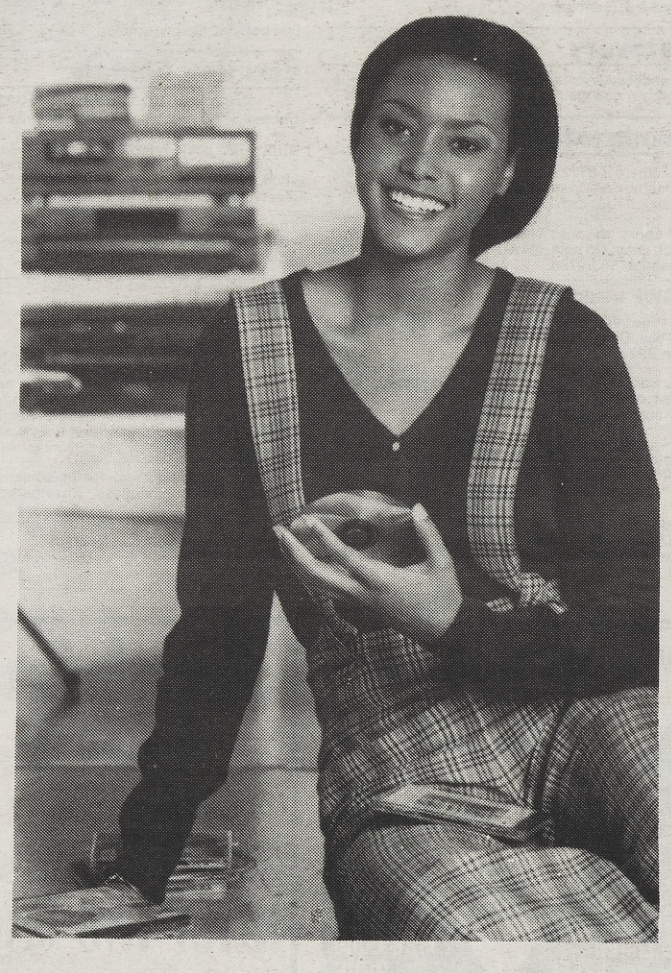

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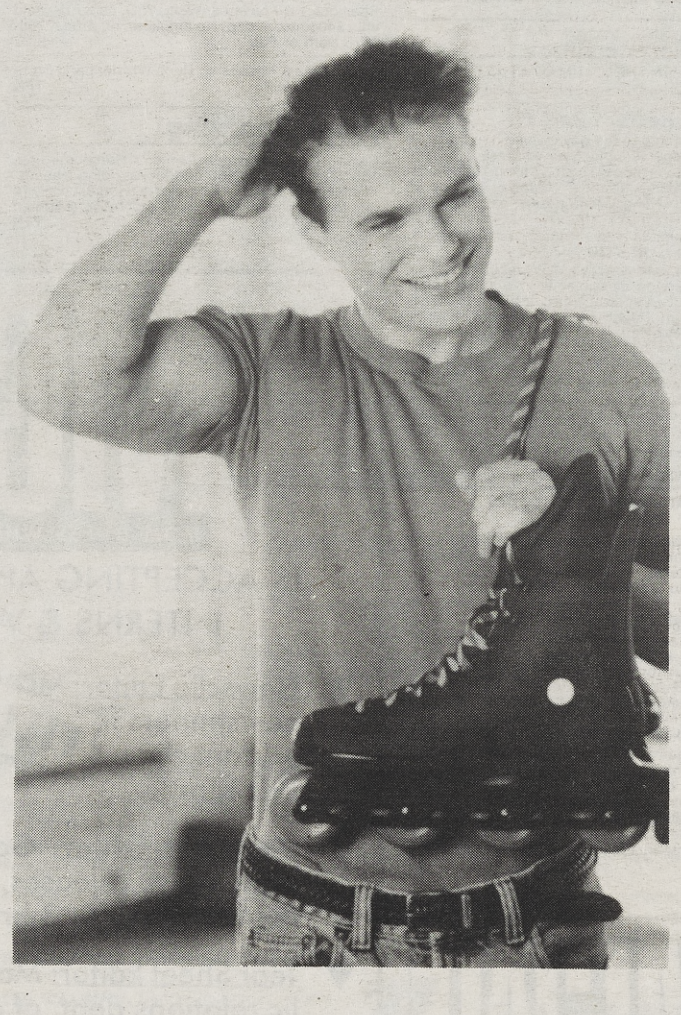

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FREE VOICE PERSONALS

MEN SEEKING MEN

FOZZI WANTS YOGI
Friendly GWM bear seeking to hibermate. I'm 5'10", 210 lbs., 41, brown fur. Will share my honeypot with similar bear, 33-45. Call me — it'll be great! (3/31) ✆1336

HANKY SPANKY
Masculine AM top seeks naughty WM, 18-45, with repressed spanking needs. Prefer clean-cut, masculine guys. Preppies, jocks, military, cowboys a+. Limits respected. If you have a mischievous disposition, I have what it takes to correct it. (3/31) ✆1337

HOT LATIN BOTTOM
Passive Latin submissive bottom seeks good looking top, 18-35 years old, any race for discreet encounters, athletic oriented males and professionals who are romantic and lovers. I am 32, attractive, fair-skinned needed dominant big men. (3/31) ✆1341

OPEN CASTING CALL
Local Sacramento celebrity, 6'3", 200 lbs., brown hair, blue eyed leading man looking for co-star in the ultimate romantic comedy. Please! No drama or horror types. WLTM mature thespian with star quality, sincere heart, great legs and no skeletons in closet! (3/14) ✆1316

WANTING TO MOVE TO CALIFORNIA
Loving, affectionate, disabled male, 45, on Social Security, looking for well off, but, not required, ND/NS, bottom, age 19-45, who is very femme, etc., who likes Star Trek, movies, computers, classical music, etc. (3/14) ✆1317

BLACK ONLY
GWM seeks BM 20-40, your pleasure is my pleasure. Must be discreet. I enjoy giving pleasure. Be THE One. (3/14) ✆1319

LIGHT SEEKING DARK
Professional GWM, 32, 6', 180#, blond/blue WLTM someone of olive to black complexion. Must be open-minded, honest, responsible, and fun loving. Likes include dining out, walking, travel , and music. Take a chance! (3/14) ✆1323

SEEKING MR. RIGHT
I'm 5'9", 155#, 39 yr. old GWM. Attractive, educated, HIV-. Like theatre, travel, reading, down to earth stuff and more. Looking for similar, ND, LA. Possible LTR. (3/14) ✆1324

ONLY ONE MAN
that's what I need! This GWM, 38, 5'8", 195 seeking that special person. I like country dancing, day trips, general date things, you 26-50, height and weight proportionate. Call me! All calls returned! (3/14) ✆1315

SLEEPLESS IN THE SIERRAS
WLTM GWM who likes mountains. I'm 43, dark hair/eyes, 190, regular guy who smokes, settled, family type, masc. Not professional, not rich, just happy. Looking for LTR with stable masc. man who enjoys outdoors. ND/NA. (3/31) ✆1293

MUSCULAR HANDSOME TOP WANTED
I'm ready to date again! I'm honest sincere, Chicano, attractive, slim, smooth, masculine, passive, HIV-, 30, 5'5". Seeking honest friendship/LTR w/easygoing tall man w/compassionate heart. I like music, dancing, movies, videos, cuddling, flowers, cards, gentlemen, NS/ND/NA. (3/31) ✆1291

COMUSTA CAYO!
GAM seeks GWM 4 friendship possible LTR. Me: 5'5", 140#, HIV+, 21 yr. old., love cars. Very affectionate, funny, maybe cute? Not N2 1-nighters. Many interests. You: under 45, honest, sincere, in shape, secure and ready 4 whatever happens! (3/31) ✆1290

NOVICE MASTER SEEKS SLAVE
Looking for lasting relationship. Must have submissive attitude and be devoted. Any race, age, size, experience, novice welcome. HIV neg. Limits respected (3/31) ✆1287

TRANSPLANTED SF LIBERAL
Busy UCD grad student, GAM, 31, who's tired of closeted men seeks others with gay pride for friendship and ? I'm handsome, educated, worldly, responsible, athletic, clean shaven and have a positive outlook. Seeking similar GM, NS/ND, 25-40. (3/31) ✆1286

LEATHER, BOOTS & LEVI'S
Young WM 19, 5'10", 145, swimmer's body, WLTM hot clean-cut athletic men 19-30 for discreet fun. Hard bodies A+. Teach me bondage, S & M. Cowboys, leathermen, construction workers preferred. Brief encounters only. NS/ND. (3/31) ✆1285

GWM WLTM
Well educated, kind, honest, out, responsible, stable, active, spiritual, communicative, playful, sometimes silly, supportive, MAN who has a positive outlook on life. Friendship at least, maybe LTR. NS/ND HIV-. I'm professional, musical, athletic. (3/14) ✆1267

LACKADAISICAL INTUITIVENESS
Handsome, smooth, lustful, funny, fit and firm GWM, seeks "thinker" for friendship, laughs, reflections on the Best of Times, and promises to come. Corporate relocation from San Diego. (3/14) ✆1280

LEVI'S AND LEATHER
Bearded athletic tan WM, 37, 6', 180 WLTM hot hairy, horny and hungry men over 30. Beards, moustaches, body hair, solid frames are a turn on. Cowboys, leathermen, construction workers A+. (3/14) ✆1278

VIDEO BUDDY WANTED
45 yr. old GWM WLTM wkdy afternoons. U provide VCR & clean drug/smoke free environment, I will supply the tapes. Physically handicap OK but must be clean and in good health. (3/14) ✆1276

SHOW OFF
GWM, 40's, HT/WT proportional seeks GW/HM bodybuilders who enjoy being admired. Come show off for me. 30-50 a +! (3/14) ✆1274

VAMOS A ACURRUCARNOS
Looking for that ONE in a million. Asian, Hispanic or Philipino 19-25, with a job wanted by GM 21 years. No high school drop-outs, bar-flys, or fats please. Must have cool, outstanding personality. I'm easygoing, relationship minded! (3/14) ✆1273

DIGITAL BEAR
Cute, cuddly, ursine techno-nerd seeks cyber-cub or techno-punk. Object: user-friendly interfacing. Warning: cigarette smoke can shutdown my hard drive. (3/14) ✆1272

SEEKING SOULMATE
GWM, 30's, 5'7", 144#, blnd/brn, moustache, attractive, fun loving, spiritual sensual, romantic anc loyal. Varied interests reading, camping, theater, amusement parks, symphony. Prefer smooth guys my height or shorter. Dark hair and eyes a big +. No drugs. (3/14) ✆1271

HONEST & SINCERE
Attractive, 6'5" slim, athletic, HIV-, professional very young 41, GWM seeks honest long term relationship. I enjoy rollerblading, hiking, skydiving, camping. I have a great life in Livermore and would like to find that special person to share it with. (3/14) ✆1268

LOOKING FOR SOMEONE OUTGOING
GWM, 33, 5½, blue eyes, HIV-, looking for someone who loves the outdoors (ND), bike riding. I'm not really a bar person, not looking for Mr. Right or money. Will see HIV people too! (3/14) ✆1269

MUST BRANCH OUT
GWF, journalist, sailor, looking for other intellectual types to play with. I like theater, politics, traveling, working out. Let's get together and have coffee!
Sample ad

MUSIC LOVERS
SGF, 29, soft butch. I'm looking for a SGF to go to concerts and listen to music with. I enjoy quiet evenings, long walks, romance and passion.
Sample ad

IN DANGER OF LOSING IT!
New to this and I'm ready! You: Educated, funny and sane. Me: enjoy music, dinners, movies, kayaking, weekend getaways, and the outdoors. Call and prove you're ready!!
Sample ad

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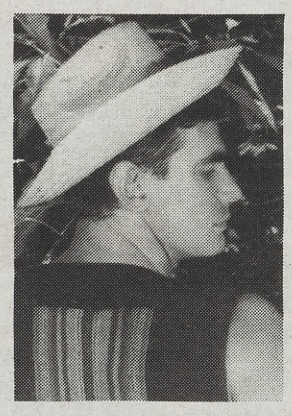

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PLEASE DON'T ANSWER THIS AD
if you're younger than 40 and like the bar scene! I'm a mature, professional GWF ISO SFG who enjoys all the finer things of life. Sense of humor a must.
Sample ad

TRICK OR TREAT?
Treat — laughter, devotion, kindness, candlelight, massages, appreciation of tall, leggy, athletic, professional GWF, 30's, successful, dashing, daring, tender, affectionate, generous friend and lover. Trick be GWF, educated, sweet, stable, seductive, spoilable, susceptible to sweeping off feet. **Sample ad**

NOT A SCARY MONSTER
Not even a witch! GWF, 29, soft butch, attractive, sane, respects limits. ISO same 29-40. I'll show you my tricks, if you share your treats. No drugs, no bi's.
Sample ad

TALK DIRTY TO ME
You know you will like it by the look in my obedient blue eyes; the way my long legs compel you to do as you will. GWF 30's, soft butch ISO butch/soft butch for fun and games. **Sample ad**

HAPPINESS IS ...
New underwear!! SGWF, 39, physically fit, with loads of heart and lively imagination ISO same for the "real thing". **Sample ad**

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Partner in law firm '96. Forgo. to acquire stuffiness or lose left politics and sense of . umor along the way. Interests range from water slid as to the S.F. Opera House. Is my soulmate out here? **Sample ad**

LESBIANS SEEKING LESBIANS

COME GET THIS
Very cute, sexy, soft butch searching cautiously for warm woman for possible LTR, race unimportant, confidence very important. (3/31) ✆1335

AMAZON PRINCESS SEEKS
Gentle giant to share Camelot romance with. I believe in fairytales, moonlight walks, whispered kisses and touching hearts. No drugs/no games only sincere romantics to share time with. (3/14) ✆1325

BOXER SHORTS
I'm slacks and jeans, quiet evenings, occasional party animal. You're lipstick and lace, old fashioned, yet cutting edge. We're two honest and spiritual women looking for possible long-term relationship. No tobacco smokers. HGT/WGT reasonably proportionate. (3/14) ✆1318

SERIOUS SEEKING
Attractive SWF 38 seeks attractive SWF friend, HD DF for friendship, must enjoy beach sports, church, kids OK. (3/14) ✆1320

PASSIONATE & ROMANTIC
Attractive SGW femme, 35, loves music, animals, camping, fireplaces. Seeking positive thinking, child-free butch/soft butch/androgynous SGF for friendship,

Coming soon in Sacramento!

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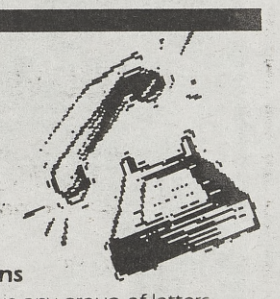

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Headline (2 or 3 words)

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3 **Payment:**
MGW/DGW for all ads up to 40 words ... FREE!
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Daytime phone _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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- A "word" is any group of letters or numbers surrounded by spaces. For a term containing a hyphen (-) or slash (/), count 2 words if the term exceeds 8 characters (including the hyphen or slash).
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Policies
- All MGW/DGW ads get a FREE number. (Sorry, no personal telephone numbers, addresses or post office box numbers.)
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possible LTR. Are you the one I'd walk in the snow barefoot for? LA/ND (3/14) ✆1322

IN SEARCH OF...
Spontaneous, outgoing, feminine female 21-35 years who enjoys sports, outdoors, clubs, and quiet evenings. If this sounds like you, give me a call! (3/31) ✆1297

DEFINITELY A BUTCH
Slightly androgynous, coastal, clear, disciplined, easy-going, well-read, spiritually minded being, loves the water, seeking an adventurous femme with similar qualities. Like to travel. (3/31) ✆1296

GENTLE WOMAN
Gentle, understanding warm soft butch or feminine woman over 40. Sought by feminine attractive, artistic, loving female over 40. NA/NS. For friendship or possibly more. Love animals. No pretense. (3/31) ✆1295

SEND ME AN ANGEL
Looking for a special lady to spend time with. Friendship first, possibly LTR. Love life, children, animals weekend getaways, quiet evenings and movies. Be simply feminine, Hm oriented, playful, spiritual, creative, sincere. NA/ND (3/31) ✆1294

NEVER A DULL MOMENT!
Attractive, SWF, soft butch is seeking beautiful, feminine lady. I'm very outgoing and just a hell of a lot of fun to be with! I'm tired of the "bar girl" world, it's just not my style. Will I find you in the personals? (3/31) ✆1289

GOING FOR IT
Never thought I'd use an ad but am busy with school and work. Yet, still, would like to meet other lesbians with similar interests, as friends, more? I'm 38, enjoy camping, walks, antiquing, red wine, rainy weather, 60's music. (3/14) ✆1277

NEED TO CUDDLE
Looking for butch woman, 35-45, to share life and love with. I like quiet evenings, country music, movies and nights out. I am a professional woman, pretty, fun and live in the foothills. Give me a call! (3/14) ✆1279

I SAW YOU

DESPERATELY SEEKING JOSEPH
I: Broken down on North 16th St. January 24th. YOU: Helpful and kind, want to thank you. Please call! (3/31) ✆1339

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BI ENCOUNTERS/ VARIATIONS

DO YOU HAVE TIME TO SPARE?
MWM looking for someone special to spend free time with. Ideal would be bi-male, female or cross dresser that can pass in public. I am 40 yrs., 6'3", 280 lbs., clean, educated, middle class, wanting closeness, any age. (3/31) ✆1338

INEXPERIENCED SWF
Forever attracted to women; wants to try at age 36! Red head, full-figured, tall. Love travel, cats, dining, arts. Seek educated feminine, attractive, healthy and respectful woman who likes to laugh, NS, ND, LA. Please leave a detailed reply! (3/14) ✆1321

LONG HAIR & LEATHER
Primordial, pierced, multicultural BiM, 27, seeks honest, stable, employed HIV(-) BiM for LTR. I like skating, fine art, cheesy vamp novels, marital arts, and I relish new, memorable experiences. If you're open minded and live life, then call. (3/14) ✆1275

GRAZING?
The next time you call to answer a voice personal ad, try our "Browse" feature. You can listen to lots of different voices in a row, and respond to any voice you'd like to hear more of. It's like reading the personals with your ears!

JUST FRIENDS

ACCESS TO ADVENTURE
27-year-old lesbian new from Pac NW seeks friends to explore California. I do anything that offers enlightenment. An adrenaline rush or plain fun. If you know a great place, from the City to the Sierra's — let's go! (3/31) ✆1340

ATHLETIC BUDDIES
Tall, dark and handsome young 41, GWM, roller-blader, hiker, skydiver, camper seeks similar for friendship and fun. (2/14) ✆1270

TRANSSEXUAL WITH LESBIAN ORIENTATION
I am seeking friendship with lesbians, gays, transsexuals and any others with a pagan/wiccan spiritual focus. Let's have fun and fellowship. I like coffeehouses, romantic movies, horror films, world music, walking in the woods. Blessed be! (3/31) ✆1288

OVERTURE
Lesbian WLTM lesbian/gay folk to enjoy the symphony with. (3/31) ✆1292

AD OF THE WEEK

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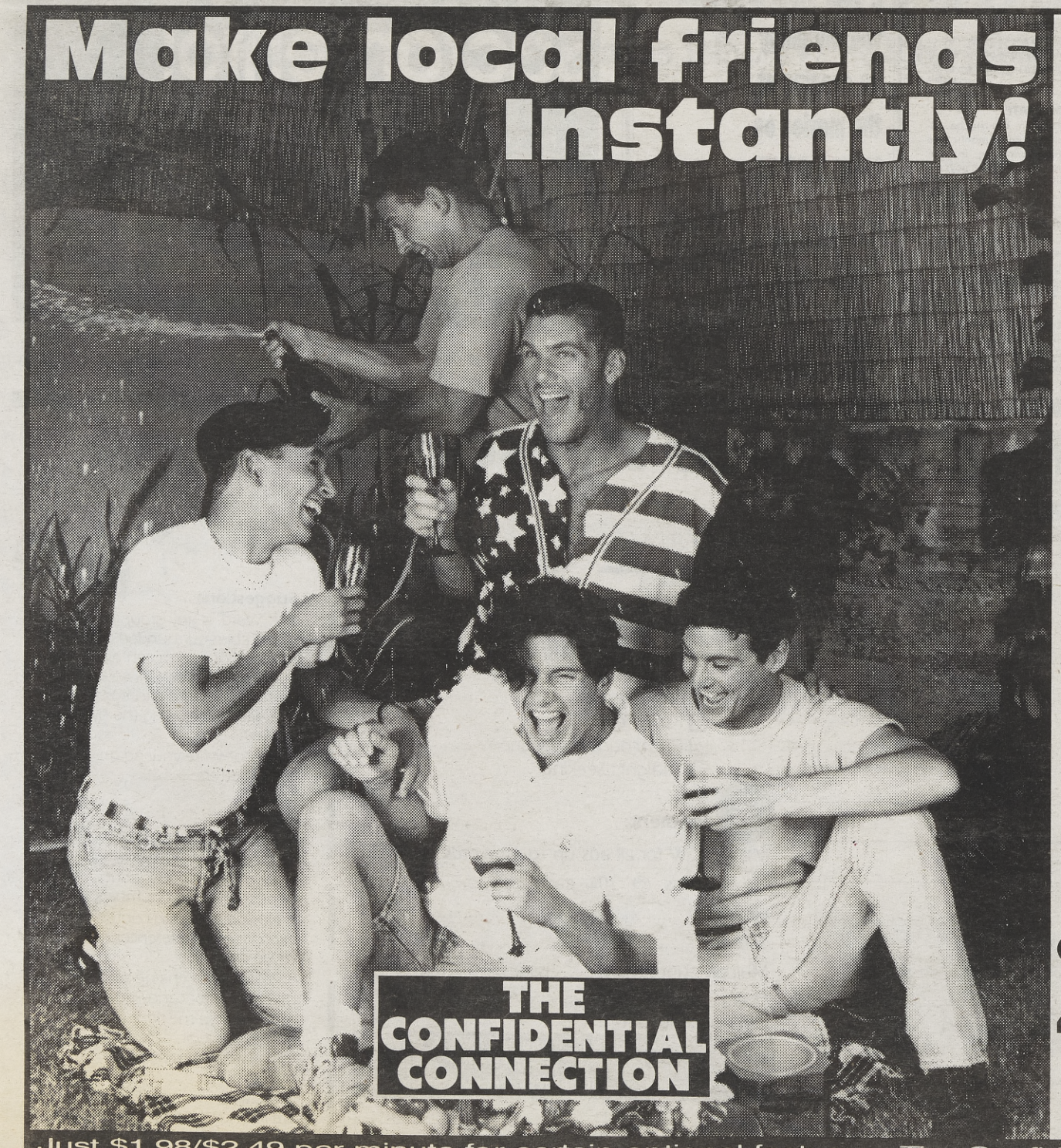

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